

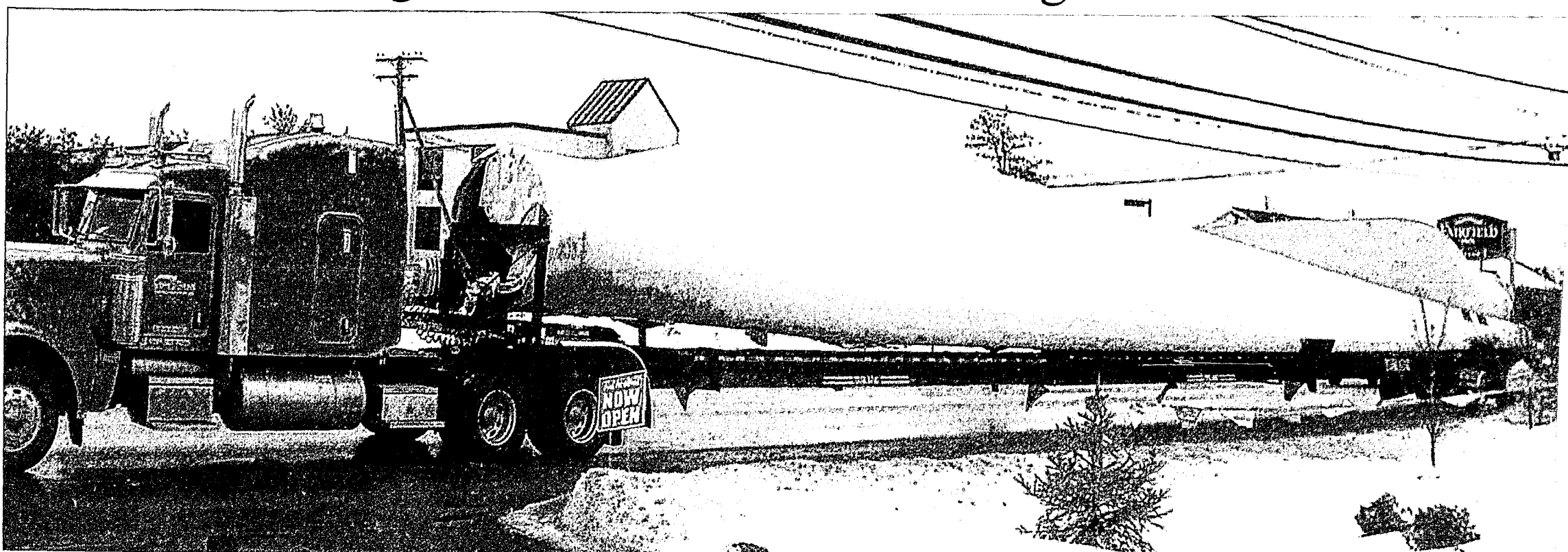
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Big-blade runners rumble through Bethel



Townfolk and visitors who were by Route 2 around 7:30 last Thursday morning were treated to an impressive spectacle, perhaps the first of its kind in Bethel — a caravan, washed in red and blue escort lights, made up of two long flatbed trailers hauling strangely shaped cylindrical white forms, each well over 100 feet long in its own right. The futuristic cargo was in fact three wind-turbine blades (a full set), slowly wending their way from China, where they were manufactured, to Texas, where they landed on this continent, to Nova Scotia, where they will add to that province's electrical generating capacity. (Nova Scotia already draws nearly 3 percent of its electrical power from the wind.) The blades were being hauled by Lone Star Transportation of Fort Worth, one of the country's leaders in moving big stuff long distances. The blades themselves, products of the Danish-based Vestas Wind Systems, are 128-feet long and constructed primarily of fiberglass and epoxy resin. The turbine unit they will eventually power (Vestas V80) generates

1.8 megawatts of electricity, enough to power 600 homes. Last June, in a visit to Vestas' North American headquarters in Portland, Ore., Presidential Candidate John McCain signed a similar blade. Lone Star's sales director, David Ferebee, told The Citizen that with the increased interest in wind energy in the Northeast, more such blades, and probably even longer ones, are likely to be traveling Route 2 in days to come. A Citizen photographer happened on last Thursday's show, but too far to the rear to get a usable shot. Back in the office, however, a couple of quick e-mails to the Maine State Police (which had four units in the escort) produced this photo of one of the blades that had passed through Bethel, taken by Trooper Corey Huckins a bit down the road in Bangor. V80 wind turbines cost roughly \$2 million and have a design-life expectancy of 20 years, but things do happen — Google 'Vestas' and click on the YouTube video near the top of the links.

(Photo: Maine State Trooper Corey Huckins)

Forum here next week on proposal for tighter DEP land-use restrictions

By ALISON ALOISIO

A public forum will take place Wednesday in Bethel on a bill before the Maine Legislature that includes restrictions on the construction of roads to hillside developments, and on the layout of some residential developments larger than 30 acres.

The bill, proposed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, would update the Site Location of Development Law.

The law regulates medium-to-large-scale development in the state.

The proposed updates have raised concerns among some development-related businesses and have prompted one of them, Main-Land De-

velopment Consultants Inc. of Livermore Falls, to hold a series of forums in western Maine.

The Feb. 25 Bethel meeting, which will take place from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Bethel Inn Conference Center, is co-hosted with the Bethel Area Business Association.

In a press release dated Monday, Darryl Brown, president/owner of Main-Land, voiced his worries about some of the bill's proposals:

"If enacted, it would limit large-scale non-residential development to designated growth zones, urban compact zones, census designated areas or those areas served by public sewer systems. "Meanwhile, if a residen-

tial development larger than 30 acres is proposed outside these zones, that development would be classified as a conservation subdivision, requiring the preservation of at least 55 percent of the land area.

"The law changes would also prohibit the disturbances of slopes 20 percent or greater, limiting projects in Maine's mountainous regions like the greater Bethel area.

"In nearly four decades as a land planner, never have I been more worried about the impact of a piece of legislation than I am now. This would essentially prohibit development in rural Maine and the jobs and revenue it brings.

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"I CANNOT STAND HERE AND GUARANTEE YOU NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THOSE HOUSES," Darryl Brown, of Main-Land Development told more than two dozen people who turned out at the Greenwood Town Office Tuesday for a public hearing on developer Gordon Brown's plan for a new 12-lot subdivision on South Pond.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Hearing addresses questions about hillside subdivision on South Pond

By MICHAEL DANIELS

A standing-room-only crowd of more than two dozen people turned out in the Greenwood Town Office meeting room Tuesday, for a public hearing on local developer Gordon Brown's plan for a 12-lot subdivision on a 32-acre parcel of land near South Pond.

While a handful of the crowd had shown up to support the idea, most had come with questions — about blasting, erosion, wastewater disposal and the visual impact of the proposed new buildings.

But when the generally amicable hour-and-a-half hearing concluded, most appeared to have had their questions answered and the concerns at least partially allayed.

Darryl Brown, president of Main-Land Development, Brown's consultant on the project, outlined the plan for the audience.

It called, he noted, for confining the homes to a relatively limited "building envelope" well removed (by some 400 to 500 feet) from the pond itself.

The envelope would be on a relatively level land just above the more steeply sloped lower part of the overall parcel.

The soils within the building envelope, he said, "are deep, well drained glacial tills and don't pose any issues regarding wastewater disposal."

Nor, he said, would it be necessary to blast ledge when building foundations.

Resident Karen Harrison

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Stimulus plan: Berlin betting on wood as biofuel

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The decades-long decline of the local paper industry finally did in Berlin's smoke-belching pulp mill in 2006. The year after the 100-year-old plant closed its doors, thousands gathered to watch a demolition crew topple three of its smokestacks.

Today, the thousands of acres of surrounding forest have some eyeing the city as a future renewable energy hub. The economic stimulus bill passed by Congress is expected to make billions of dollars available for home-grown power production, and has residents of this small city 60 miles from the Canadian border sensing a turnaround.

Two electricity plants that would burn waste timber from the surrounding forest are in the works, as is a plant that would make the wood pellets used as fuel. But there are needs, costly transportation line upgrades before the power plants can be fired up.

State Sen. John Gallus is pitching the upgrades as part of a renewable energy pilot project.

"Every state around is looking for the next big thing from Washington right now, but we're figuring we have kind of a two-fer going for us," Gallus said. "It's a big infrastructure improvement and it's a renewable energy resource. This is two of the incoming president's big themes he'd like to start with and we'd like to help him."

Known as the city that trees built, Berlin once thrived on its paper pulp mill. Since the mill closed, housing prices have plummeted and Main Street shops have struggled to stay afloat. City leaders have been looking, with little success, for something to give the city an economic boost.

They may have found the

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Augusta bill raised new concern about Indian bingo here

Late Note: As The Citizen was preparing to go to press Wednesday afternoon we received word from attorney Jeffrey Rosenblatt that he has been told the Passamaquoddy Tribe does not hope to use the bill in question to try again for high-stakes bingo here, and is willing to work with him to amend its current language. However, in light of the fact that such a change has not yet taken place, and because the story of Indian gambling attempts in Albany is of historical interest in its own right, especially, perhaps, to our newer readers, we are running an amended version of the story we had intended to publish this week.

—MRD

By MICHAEL DANIELS

"Here we go again. I guess it was only a matter of time," said Jeffrey Rosenblatt, who since 1972 has made his home in Albany Township. "I am very concerned, for the first time in a long time."

What concerned Rosenblatt, an attorney, was a bill introduced in the Maine Legislature that would, as currently worded, open Albany once again to the possibility of high-stakes Indian gambling activities.

Rosenblatt and his neighbors in Albany Township had put that "very concerned" prospect behind them in November 2007, when a seven-year-old battle against high-stakes Indian gambling concluded with the justices of the Maine Supreme Court ruling unanimously that an 80-acre parcel of land in Albany owned by the Passamaquoddy Tribe had never been ceded to "Indian Territory."

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Mt. Abram opens the woods to skiing

Mt. Abram Ski Resort in Greenwood has expanded its skiable terrain this season by allowing skiers to take to the woods.

The resort has implemented a new policy called "Beyond the Boundary," which has increased the trail terrain from 250 acres to 650 acres of trails and glades, according to a press release.

"There is a perception that we are a premier family resort and family resort," said Matt Hancock, Mt. Abram's owner. "At the same time our outstanding expert terrain is much needed. We've got steep, bumps, cliff drops and narrow walls, all to challenge serious experts."

After a risk assessment and insurance analysis was completed last fall, the new management team at Mt. Abram was given the green light to fully implement the policy, the release said.

The release said skiers have responded favorably to the change, saying it reflects a western or Rocky Mountain approach to accessing backcountry terrain.

In another western style move, Mt. Abram Marketing D-

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Letters

REALITY CHECK ON PACE

To the Editor:

After all of the battling to keep Tri Town Rescue open and serving the communities, PACE Paramedic Service, an affiliate of Stephens Memorial Hospital, thinks they could better serve the communities in Tri-Town's coverage area. Let's consider this for a moment, and have a reality check on this issue.

Tri-Town is based in West Paris, central to the communities it serves, West Paris, Woodstock, Greenwood, Milton Plantation, and Sumner. PACE is based in Norway, a considerable distance from the communities it would be servicing. Are you willing to let your loved ones lay dying, sick, or injured while PACE speeds through other towns, putting lives at risk when you could already have EMS personnel at your home or accident scene?

PACE contends that they would have a truck stationed in Woodstock, like they do in Harrison. Let's contact the town of Harrison and see just how often the truck is actually there. I know for a fact that it is very rarely there, and patients wait a long time for a truck to arrive from Norway. What happened to patient care and do no harm? There is a paramedic service in Bridgton, much closer to Harrison, but PACE will not call them — why? Because they are the competition. The only competition should be against time and how quickly a patient is treated, and transported to definitive care.

PACE is currently the primary service for Sunday River in Newry. Normally a patient gets transported to the nearest facility, which in the case of Sunday River is Rumford Hospital, by about a mile over Stephens. But since PACE is owned by Stephens, and Rumford by CMMC, so the patient goes to Stephens. Again, money over patient care.

Now PACE has become the primary service to Mt. Abram in Greenwood, and that is in Tri-Town's coverage area. Not only that, but PACE has circumvented the 911 system to make it happen. That's right, Mt. Abram now calls PACE directly, bypassing the dispatch center, and PACE dispatches themselves, which they aren't even trained or qualified to do. In the process of responding about 25 miles, they travel past Tri-Town, which is 11 miles closer to begin with. How about that patient care!

And how about a recent accident on Streaked Mountain in South Paris. A patient was treated by EMT's from the fire department while a PACE truck came from Woodstock. The truck that would be covering the Tri-Town area would have been unavailable to those towns. And worse yet, PACE didn't call for mutual aid from Buckfield Rescue, who was the closest, Oxford Rescue, closer than Woodstock, or Tri-Town Rescue, also closer. Instead they let a critical patient wait for a PACE truck to come from Woodstock. That patient later died after being flown to CMMC.

PACE is in it for the money, make no mistake about it. It is evident in their everyday actions. It is time Maine EMS investigated these actions, and put an end to the greed-fueled EMS service that is PACE.

Kevin Davis, South Paris

AMAZING LOCAL TALENT

To the Editor:

On Sunday, Feb. 8, the Western Mountains Senior Players presented the full-length play "Strangers Among Us" at the West Parish Congregational Church. The play is a powerful, moving drama about Alzheimer's disease but is also a beautiful love story.

As director I am overwhelmed with the ability of this group to develop their talents. They have become outstanding Thespians. The play was well attended for the space available; however, I hope that the citizens of Bethel realize that they have amazing local talent. It is possible for all of us to have inspiring artistic experiences right here, at home in Bethel!

Lynn Arizzi, Director WMSP

FLYING MOOSE THANKS

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the many volunteers who helped make the Bethel Outing Club's Flying Moose Classic Cross Country Ski Race on Sunday, Feb. 15, such a success. The Flying Moose, held on the Gould Academy and the Bethel Nordic Ski Center trails, included 20 km and 10 km competitive events, and for the younger skiers, 6 km, 1.5 km, and a "lollipop" ski. Over 100 skiers from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts participated. Gould Academy donated the use of its field house for registration and facilities, and the Bethel Nordic Ski Center trail crew, headed by Mike Cooper, set the first-class race course.

Volunteers included the following: Kirk and Martha Siegel, Lorrie and Mike Hoeh, Vicky Fimiani, Deb Webster, Linda Gamble, Steve Keane, Andrew Nesbitt, Alice Hotopp, Robin Gorrill, Chris Barstow, Landon Fake, Gary Inman, Christine Trefethen, Eric List, Sarah Southam, Beth, Brad, and Jeb Clarke, Jon Cowan, Kate and Jonathan Goldberg, Roger Smith, Derek Harnden, Peter Cowan, and Julia and Colin Reuter.

The Bethel Outing Club encourages outdoor activity and in particular helps with the local school's XC ski programs. FMI, see www.bethelouting.org.

Jim Reuter, Flying Moose Race Director

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THANK YOU FROM TYLER'S MOM AND DAD

To the Editor:

Dear Citizens of Bethel: My husband, Harold Clough Jr., and I would like to send a thank you to all the citizens of Bethel. We have been blessed with so much help through our 9-year-old Tyler's cancer diagnosis. The teachers and staff at Crescent Park School, the parents of Brownie Troop 155, Cadets Troop 1490, Mark from Hungry Harry's, and all the people that have brought us meals or helped with cleaning up the house, such as Amy Stevens, Heather Carver and Brandy Maddocks.

This is a difficult time for us and having all these people, strangers and friends alike, helping us out restores my belief that people really do care and want to help.

Tyler, Harold and I have realized what a wonderful, caring town we live in. Your support has meant more than we can say and we now know that we will not be going through this alone over the next year.

Melissa Clough
Bethel

AWARDS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have the opportunity each year to recognize deserving community servants, a Bethel area business that has made significant strides in the past year, a Forest Products Industry entrepreneur, four excellent employees who have made extraordinary contributions to their workplaces and three graduating students and a new award this year, the "Rising Star Award."

The Awards Committee of the Chamber is seeking nominations for these awards. Anyone may submit a nomination, although the employee awards must be done by the individual's employer or supervisor.

Nomination forms, as well as descriptions of the individual awards, are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, or by calling 824-2282. Nominations are open until Friday, April 3, and should be sent to Annual Awards, c/o Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, ME 04217.

For the benefit of those individuals unfamiliar with this process, recognition is given through the following awards: The "Rising Star Award," The Lifetime Achievement Award; Forest Products Industry Award; Public Service Award; Non-Profit Leadership Award, and Business of the Year Award. We are also seeking nominations from business owners and managers to recognize deserving employees in the following award categories: Hospitality Employee of the Year, Retail and Service Employee of the Year, Ski Services Employee of the Year, and Education Employee of the Year. Please contact the chamber office for any questions regarding the awards criteria.

The individual nominating should plan to be at the event for the presentation and supporting their award recipient, and we do have an Emcee at the microphone in light of the fact that many people do not like to speak in front of a crowd!

On Friday, May 8, the 40th Annual Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner and Silent Auction will be held at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Ski Resort. All are welcomed to attend the event. The cost is \$35 per person for a complete buffet dinner, from "appetizer to dessert." Table sponsorships are available for groups of eight. Call the chamber office at 824-2282 for reservations or information.

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Greenwood Town Meeting, 1813-2008

Second of two parts

In September 1979, the late Colista Curtis Morgan, with her friend and hiking companion Ruth Cole Hastings hiked to the elm and Colista reported in her regular column in The Bethel Citizen:

"For this great tree death has come gradually. Its vitality has ebbed slowly and even now when life has entirely abandoned it, it remains a majestic thing.

"It dominates the landscape and retains its character and dignity even in death, as it did in the early 1800s, when Greenwood settlers met there."

Not unlike the majestic elm, change comes with time even in the Hamlet of Greenwood.

Following the formation of town government while still under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Greenwood, qualified citizens were warned by Warrant to meet on a given day usually in the first days of the month of March. As I mention above, the reason for March was that prior to the perambulation of the calendar by the British government from the Gregorian System to the Julian System March 1st was the New Year. That still holds true in that the calendar of the Zodiac you will readily see begins with Aries or March.

Beginning in 1816 the first Town Meeting following incorporation was held in the Schoolhouse and Paul Wentworth was elected Town Clerk, diligently and repeatedly for the next 192 years the elected clerk of Greenwood, has recorded the transactions of the Annual Town Meeting of Greenwood within the first week of March each year.

Maine becoming an independent state, in 1820, did not seem to affect the annual meeting time or place.

Town Meeting was held briefly as follows from 1816 to 1821 in the Schoolhouse in lower Greenwood, in 1822 the annual meeting as well as the elections for that year were held in the store of Isaac Patch in Greenwood City. Town Meeting of 1823 was held in the "new" school in District #2 and was held the third of March at 10 a.m. In 1825, owing to anticipated weather (probably from the "Almanac" predictions), the annual meeting was held for the first time in the afternoon at one o'clock. Then 1826 to 1847 Annual Meetings were held in March and in the District 2 Schoolhouse.

The north part of Greenwood seeing a great building-up in the period of 1837 to 1847, the Annual Meeting, though still held at 10 a.m. in March, was relocated to the north part of Greenwood, and was held in Lock's Grist Mill. It was decided at that meeting in the Grist Mill, that improvement needed to be made and a vote was taken to build a Town House close to the physical center of Greenwood.

The Town House was erected in the following three-month period and was accepted at a special Town Meeting of June 18, 1848, requiring only that "another coat of Red Paint be applied, and that the painter wait till the September Town Meeting and that he would be paid in full with interest on his money." So Voted. Town Meetings were held in the Town House at the new physical location between what is presently the Bernard Brooks' Farm and the Irving Martin Road where it intersects with the road from Greenwood City to Locke's Mills. It could be reached from east Greenwood by the Martin Road, from the South by the City Road and from the North via Bryant's Pond over Rowe Hill, or from the west side of Twitchell Pond via the east shore road now discontinued to passage, but once beginning at the west side of Rowe Hill intersecting with the Greenwood Road at the Dan Cole Farm and running along the Pond under Rowe's Ledge connecting with the through road by Brooks. Meeting there became problematic for a couple reasons; ie. the flowage into Twitchell Pond increased in the spring making the road water-covered north of the Meeting House, as well as covering the road south by the stream just north of Pound Hill.

Thus comes to my generation the phrase "Fording the Delaware," often used by Donald W. Bennett, (19 -) and earlier by Professor Addison Emery Verrill (1839- 1926), Greenwood native, internationally known zoologist. Of course, this was a Yankee illusion to General Washington crossing the Delaware. Cold and wet feet were more often than not, especially in Greenwood on Town Meeting Day, treated with rum!

The Meeting House never well-built fell into disrepair such that in 1847-48, the inhabitants voted to meet at least one-third of the time for meetings in Locke's Mills. This began the norm. In 1849 it is very interesting to note that the town met at the Bacon School House in East Greenwood very near to where the Old County Road is presently.

Considering the demographic of the population attributed in part to the Great Fire of Greenwood City (1862) and previously the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad through the Locke's Mills location (1851), it was voted that Town Meeting commencing in 1871 be held in Currier Hall on Main Street, Locke's Mills. In 1871 it was "Voted to move Annual Meeting to Currier Hall in Locke's Mills, until the Meeting House was moved to a more suitable location."

The next article in the same warrant ending in the vote "To move the Town House to Greenwood City." (The Town House building was never moved and fell into further disrepair and was dismantled for lumber by Elton Dunham, et al., sometime in the 1920s.)

Town Meeting was held in Locke's Mills village in Currier Hall, Woodsum Hall and then in 1889 it was moved to the Mt. Abram Hotel Hall (stood across Main Street from the present Round Pond Store).

Greenwood Town Meeting was held in the Hotel location until the present Greenwood Town Hall was built in 1930. Each year the Annual Meeting has been held in March save for special Town Meetings called at other times of year.

Annual Meetings were always held on Town Meeting Monday in the daytime hours from 1816 to March 1961 when it was held at seven o'clock in the evening for the first time. The last evening meeting on a Monday was in 1973.

The following year 1974 Town Meeting was set for Saturday in the morning with dinner at noon.

This has been the tradition the last 34 years into 2008.

Thus again another ancient tradition of our forefathers started in the 17th Century is about to possibly change in Greenwood from the month of March to June.

Not only will this wisely proposed move by the manager and the selectmen save the town of Greenwood taxpayers money in tax anticipation borrowing, the valuation real estate tax commitment April 1 and taxations due to county, state and the School District will become better known by June thus enhancing the Budget planning process.

Greenwood has come a long way from a private residence under the spreading elm in cold and wet March to a possible June meeting in the Town Hall. I hope de Tocqueville was right! Keeping this open form of government is a mandate that we must not lose and yet one wonders what will be done with all that surplus rum no longer needed to fight the March cold?

Stephen Trent Seames, Proud native son of Greenwood.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Crockett celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

"Angus, King of the Mountain," the World's Tallest Snowman, was dedicated at a ceremony featuring an address by Gov. Angus King.

A search was underway for a new town manager for Bethel following the resignation of Phil Tarr.

Births: Sarah Marie Grillo, Elijah Jonathan Wales, James LeRoy Newkirk, Kasandra Amber Morton, Chandler Austin Dresser, Kristi Lynn Hanscom, Brayden Arthur Bean, Brooke Mae Bagley, Kelley John Allen True, Caitlin Mary Haines.

Deaths: Francis B. Farnum, Mildred Vienneau, Charles D. Child, Frances M. Dean, Virginia M. Dean.

20 years ago: The Associated General Contractors of Maine selected Allen Bancroft as the association's 1989 president.

A Bill Koch Youth Ski League race was held at Akers Ski in Andover.

Third-graders at Crescent Park School enjoyed a skating break at the rink on the Common.

Gould Academy students presented "As You Like It" in Bingham Auditorium.

Births: Ryan Zachary Kimball, Paul Curtis Gaudreau, Brittany Lynn Cole.

Deaths: Myrtle B. Bacon, Gerald D. Cushing.

30 years ago: Siguard Knudsen principal of the Bethel Regional High School in Alaska spoke at a meeting of the Bethel Rotary Club.

Students at the Woodstock Elementary School published the first edition of their school newspaper, the "Antler."

Den 3 of the Cub Scouts visited the Evans Notch Ranger Station and learned about fire prevention and not littering.

Deaths: Harriet A. Sessions, Stella E. Skillings.

40 years ago: Gould Academy skiers Bart Bailey, Pete Kailey and Scott Daigle qualified for the Maine Team in the USEASA Competition.

"Happy Valentine's Day," an original play by Pamela Barker, was presented in Grade Four of Woodstock Elementary School on Valentine's Day.

Oxford Pomona Grange 2 held its February meeting with Franklin Grange in Bryant Pond; there were 42 in attendance.

Births: Russ Hale, Christopher Lee Dunham, Dominic Miguel Costa.

50 years ago: Leon Wilson resigned his position as Inland Fish and Game Warden.

Eighth-grade students from Crescent Park School, accompanied by Mrs. Olive Lurvey and Charles Heino, attended legislative hearings in Augusta.

A telephone was installed in the Post Office at Locke Mills.

Birth: Pamela Jean Blake. **Death:** Anthony Berryment.

60 years ago: Elmer Bean, Jr. was one of the 42 newsboys to be guest of the Sun-Journal papers at the Ice Follies at Boston Gardens.

Alberta Dunham was crowned queen of the annual winter carnival at Woodstock High School.

Deaths: Rev. Charles E. Brooks, Mrs. Mabel Allen Mann.

70 years ago: Boys of the West Bethel community sponsored a carnival. The proceeds were to be used for baseball equipment.

The buildings of Abner Benson and Walter Appleby, Perkins Valley, Woodstock, were wired for electricity.

The Young People's Society of Newry attended a young people's rally at Mexico. The rally was led by Mrs. Daly of the Department of Religious Education for the Episcopal Church of Maine.

Deaths: Elbridge Stetson Tuell, Mrs. Aurilla Abbie Bartlett, Herman Holt.

100 years ago: Fitzmaurice Vail closed a very successful school term in East Bethel with a special entertainment at Alder River Grange 145 to benefit the Dewey School League.

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answer in the three wood-biofuel projects. Laidlaw Energy Group wants to build a 66-megawatt wood-burning power plant, employing 40, on the site of the former pulp mill. The wood-pellet factory is scheduled to break ground this spring and will create about 35 jobs. The second wood-burning power plant, on the Androscoggin River, will put two-dozen people to work.

Company officials say jobs in the plants will indirectly create 700 more jobs over time.

"That all gets spent in the Berlin area," said Bill Gabler, project manager at Clean Power Development LLC. "Those guys take their wives put to dinner and buy new furniture, so the trickle-down effect on the economy in the area is really pretty significant."

But before the proposed power plants can go online, the electrical transmission line that would carry power from Berlin to the rest of New England may have to be upgraded.

It doesn't have the capacity to handle the two plants and the other projects proposed for the thinly populated North Country, and upgrading the line is estimated to cost more than \$100 million. The state could pay for it or ask regional power manager ISO New England to help get surrounding states to pitch in, but with states slashing spending, Gallus says Washington is the most promising source.

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen wants the power line upgrades included in New Hampshire's

stimulus funds and the region's congressman, Rep. Paul Hodes, believes increased transmission capacity could create more jobs and bring more affordable energy to the region.

Though residents generally support biomass energy, Laidlaw's plan to redevelop the old mill site has met with some resistance.

Barbara Guay, owner of Gill's Flower Shop on Main Street, said after decades of a big, smoke-spewing mill in the center of downtown, she'd rather see a grand hotel or a casino on the prime, riverside plot. But Guay understands that her business can't survive unless the city brings in more jobs.

"People aren't going to buy flowers when they need food and fuel," she said.

Mayor David Bertrand was voted into office in 2007 on a largely anti-Laidlaw platform.

"The demolition of the pulp mill was a very symbolic event in the history of Berlin. When people saw the stacks coming down I think it broke the mold and finally people began to realize, 'Hey, we've got to seek a new direction for the city of Berlin,'" Bertrand said.

Dick Huot, who heads economic development for Berlin-based Tri-County Community Action, said the city should add jobs any way it can until it gets back on its feet. He said Laidlaw can help by doing all it can to expand opportunities in the city.

"The biomass plant is like cod liver oil," he said. "If we have to take it, how can you sweeten it for us?"

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Briefly

Trails grants awarded locally

ANDOVER/BETHEL—Two local projects are expected to receive grant funds for trail projects, according to the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands. The Snow Valley Sno-Goers Club in Andover has been awarded \$87,000 to rebuild a 140-foot-long snowmobile suspension bridge across the Ellis River that collapsed last year. The 30-year-old bridge fell 16 feet into the river shortly after eight snowmobilers crossed it last January. Reconstruction work has already begun. Also slated to receive funds is the Town of Bethel. The money will go toward an extension of the Pathway from Davis Park toward Telstar, according to Town Manager Scott Cole. The project has been recommended to receive up to \$29,600. The grant recipient list now goes to the Federal Highway Administration for final review, but approval is expected within two weeks.

Bring a dish to Town Meeting

NEWRY—A potluck supper will precede the March 2 Newry annual Town Meeting. The supper will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Bear River Grange Hall. The meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

Skiers get speed tickets

NEW GLOUCESTER—Skiers returning south on Route 26 in New Gloucester may be watching their speedometer more closely after several were cited for speeding last Sunday afternoon, according to a State Police report. Trooper Nathaniel Jamo cited seven motorists for speeding 19 to 26 miles over the 55 mile-an-hour speed limit along the busy road. Warnings were also handed out to several other motorists. Most of those stopped were returning from a day of skiing.

NewPage offers scholarships

RUMFORD—The NewPage Rumford Mill is currently accepting applications from high school seniors attending Telstar, Buckfield, Dirigo, Jay, Leavitt, Livermore Falls, Mt. Blue, Mt. Valley, Oxford Hills Comprehensive, or Rangeley Regional high schools, as well as any son or daughter of an active Rumford Mill employee, for its 2009 Engineering Scholarship program. Eight scholarships, each in the amount of \$2,000, will be awarded to high school seniors accepted into a chemical, mechanical, electrical, or power engineering program or a Pulp & Paper program for the fall of 2009 at an accredited four-year college or university. NewPage Rumford Mill Engineering Scholarship applications and related information are available from local high school guidance offices, by calling Susan Mills at NewPage at 369-2083, or by e-mailing a request for information to sam2@newpage.com.

Ski tickets benefit MS

GREENWOOD—To kick off the March 2-9 MS Awareness Week, Mt. Abram Ski Resort has teamed up with the Maine Chapter of the National MS Society to offer \$20 lift tickets on Sunday, March 1, with \$10 of each ticket to be donated to the MS Society. Visit www.msmaine.org for more MS Awareness Week activities throughout the state. For more information about MS Day at Mt. Abram, call (207) 875-5000. For more information about the Maine Chapter of the National MS Society, visit www.msmaine.org.

Check smoke detector batteries

SEARSPORT—In the wake of the fire deaths of two Searsport residents whose smoke detectors inside their home were found without batteries, Maine State Fire Marshal John Dean is urging Mainers to check their own smoke detectors. Dean said, "I'm convinced that a single working smoke detector would have saved both lives Monday in Searsport and the sad irony is that this house had three detectors -- all without batteries. A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm in a house is one of the best and least expensive ways to provide a family with an early warning system of fire." Dean praised the Searsport Fire Department which had gone door to door in the past two years handing out several hundred free smoke detectors, including on Porter Street.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Land Regs

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"In these trying economic times, we should be encouraging investment in our communities, not legislatively preventing it."

DEP response

Jim Cassida, the licensing coordinator for DEP's Division of Land Resource Regulation, acknowledged that the bill currently includes wording requiring the preservation of at least 55 percent of the land in some developments larger than 30 acres.

But, he said, "I think we'll see a lot of discussion about that number. Where we end up could be some place different."

Cassida said towns that currently have conservation subdivision ordinances requiring such preservation are "all over the map" with their per-

centages.

But, said Cassida, "Fifty-five is high compared to most."

As for restrictions aimed at development on steep slopes and ridgelines, Cassida said the bill would not prevent such development, but would limit the design of the roads leading to it.

The intent, he said, is to prevent roads that go "straight up the mountainside."

Such roads minimize the land area taken up with infrastructure and allow a developer to create more lots, said Cassida.

But roads with lesser grades that follow a more meandering route would generally fit into a hillside environment better.

Other changes

Other parts of the bill include a change in the

groundwater standard that replaces a requirement to avoid an unreasonable risk of discharge to a "significant ground water aquifer," with a requirement to avoid an unreasonable risk of discharge to "ground water," as well as the repeals of current exceptions for lots of more than 40 and 500 acres in the definition of "subdivision."

Cassida said DEP welcomes public input on the bill, and anyone wishing to be added to an e-mail list providing updated information on it can contact him at james.cassida@maine.gov.

More information on the bill is currently available on the DEP website at www.maine.gov/dep/blwg/docstand/sitelaw/2009/index.htm.

Bingo

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could not be legally used for high-stakes gambling of any sort.

The specter of Indian gambling had been raised in 1988 when the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe purchased the land in Albany.

Recognized Indian tribes in Maine have the right to conduct high-stakes bingo games on "Indian Territory."

And in 1996 the tribe announced it wanted to play that option. The tribe said it planned to build a 2,000-seat high-stakes bingo hall in Albany.

The announcement drew Rosenblatt and his neighbors into a battle not only against the tribe and its New York City financial backer, but also against the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, which signed off on the plan.

When the 2003 judicial ruling appeared to have ended that battle, Albany residents expressed relief, but they worried the tribe would try to convince the Maine Legislature to make statutory changes (i.e., change the law) in such a way as to make the Albany land eligible to qualify as Indian Territory.

The tribe did, in fact, subsequently make two such attempts, but in both cases they lost narrowly in the Legislature.

But when Rosenblatt, who regularly monitors bills submitted in August, came upon LD 526 recently, he feared another such attempt was in the works.

And he is also worried the current Legislature would prove more open to such a proposal than those that preceded it.

"There is no 'institutional memory' in the Legislature, which, thanks to term limits, is now almost completely turned over from the period 1992-2002 when this was a hot issue," Rosenblatt said.

LD 526 is entitled: "An Act To Clarify the Beano and Bingo Laws as They Apply to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes."

The bill, currently before the Legislature's Joint Judiciary Committee, was sponsored by State Rep. Richard Cleary of Houlton; and one of its eight co-sponsors (most of whom

hail from northern Maine) is the current representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Rosenblatt said he has been told that the bill is intended to affect only the status of lands owned by the Maliseet Tribe, located in the Houlton area.

But as it is currently written, he said, the legislation would also change the status of the Passamaquoddy land in Albany, making it eligible for high-stakes gambling.

In an e-mail last week to members of the Judiciary Committee Rosenberg expressed that concern, and his opposition to the bill as currently drafted:

It is with deep regret that I learned of LD 526, "An Act To Clarify the Beano and Bingo Laws as They Apply to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes."

The language of LD 526 does not simply "clarify" the bingo laws; rather, it radically changes the law regulating "high-stakes" bingo conducted by Indian tribes and would make land in Albany Township eligible for the establishment of a high-stakes bingo hall...

I have been informed that the purpose of this bill is to allow the Maliseets to participate in conducting high-stakes bingo. If this is the case, then the bill can easily be amended to narrow its scope and fulfill its purpose; however, the current language of the bill goes very far beyond that and once again exposes Albany Township to unwanted and harmful development.

Most of you are probably not aware of the long struggle of Albany Township to prevent the building of a casino by the Passamaquoddy Tribe in our unorganized township all through the 1990s and right through the first years of this decade. Bill after bill after bill has been proposed in the Legislature to permit the project, and bill after bill after bill has been defeated. The matter has reached the Maine Supreme Court as well as the Federal District Court of Maine. It is a long story, which I am glad to share with you, and I hope you will be interested in following up with me or with others familiar with the events of that time.

For now, I offer this very

abridged summary of the situation: Under the "Bingo Laws" only a federally recognized Indian tribe is permitted to conduct "high stakes" (unlimited betting) bingo. A 1991 amendment to the "Bingo Laws" expanded the land eligible for this gambling from the "reservations" to the "Indian territory." At the time of this expansion, there was no "Indian territory" in Albany Township. The scope of "Indian territory" meanwhile has grown with repeated amendments to the statutes and additions of land.

In 1992, the Legislature added a clause to the definition of "Passamaquoddy Indian territory" to include "any lands in Albany Township acquired by the Passamaquoddy Tribe before January 1, 1991." The Tribe had acquired an 18-acre site in Albany in 1988. However, the statute also required that to qualify as "Indian territory" the land also had to have been deeded "in trust" to the federal government by January 31, 1991. The Tribe failed to meet this deadline. As a result, the land is now "trust land" as defined in LD 526, but it is neither "reservation" nor "Indian territory," and thus not eligible for high-stakes gambling.

The Passamaquoddy Tribe repeatedly tried to amend the laws to allow them to build first a 2000-seat high-stakes bingo hall on the Albany Township land, and then, with additional statutory permission, a casino on the same property. This is well documented and the cause of the long struggle that we had in the past, a struggle that with this bill seems poised to begin again. It was the failure to qualify as "Indian territory" that prevented the bingo hall in Albany in the past, and it is the permission to conduct unlimited-stakes gambling on "trust land" that now threatens us once more.

I ask you please not to allow this. Albany is a small, rural community of several hundred people. There are no commercial businesses in Albany, no store, no post office, no retail business of any kind. A gambling hall like the one the Passamaquoddy Tribe has proposed for Albany in the past would drastically alter our township for the worst...

Hearing

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said her primary concern with the subdivision proposal was erosion, and she pointed to the example of a nearby house site cleared several years ago.

"Tons of trees were cut, and it was so steep that even the trees that weren't cut died over the course of five or six years," she said, and the site is visibly eroding toward the lake.

But Brown said that given the topography of the subdivision site, new homes in the building envelop would be high enough to have views without the need for clearing.

"Only a fool would clear these lots," he said. "It wouldn't serve any purpose, because they've already got their view — these are view lots."

But views, of course, are a two-way street, and other residents questioned the visual impact on the South Pond landscape.

There would be some impact, Brown conceded.

"I cannot stand here and guarantee you no one will be able to see these houses. Obviously we have a steep slope there, and, yes," he said, "some of those homes will be looking over the trees, but that's the way the landscape is."

Planning Board Chairman Rodney Westleigh acknowledged the new homes would be visible. But, he said — referring to the same example cited by Harrison — "They're up, so from the Greenwood Road you probably will see them," he said.

"But," he assured the audience (referring to the same nearby example cited by Harrison): "it ain't going to look like that one that sits up there like a sore thumb in Woodstock. That's all over — these won't be like that."

The Planning Board was not scheduled to vote on the application Tuesday. It will take up the plan again at its next regular meeting, the first Monday in March.

But there will be another public hearing prior to that, on proposed changes to the town's Shoreland and Floodplain ordinances, and on a proposed new Land Management Ordinance.

The hearing will be held Monday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m., also in the Town Office meeting room.

Mt. Abram

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rector Art McNeally has introduced the Wednesday Backcountry Touring Experience.

McNeally spent 20 years as a mountain guide at Alta Ski Resort in Utah before returning home to Mt. Abram.

The new program allows skiers and riders to hike the mountain to "earn their turns" and ski or ride any terrain within the 650 acres for less than a third the price of a regular lift ticket.

For safety, the program has a sign-in and sign-out requirement, so all backcountry skiers and riders are accounted for and tracked.

Another western ski culture-type element introduced this season provides open access to the local population and any winter sports enthusiast who wants to ski for free.

Every Thursday and Friday, anyone can ski from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., for free.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I don't mean the kind of treasure chest of pirate stories filled with gold and precious jewels. I mean the kind containing every piece of paper we think is valuable, newspaper articles and various mementos we feel we just shouldn't throw away.

My treasure chest, as I said, is in my closet and is a great big cardboard box. This isn't something that I need to get into often and when I do I'm always amazed to find some of the items that I have saved.

For example, I cannot imagine why I have saved every car registration I have ever had. I can understand the 1969 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme; that was my first car and a great car it was too. But the 1975 Ford Maverick has no reason to occupy space among the golden oldies. It was a lousy car when I bought it and it was a lousy car when it took its last breath in the parking lot at K-Mart.

The pictures that both of my kids colored on their first day of school definitely belong in the box. They are very special to me. Both are pictures of identical apples, though each child had their own unique idea of what color an apple should be. That could be attributed to the fact that the apples I kept on the kitchen counter never got thrown out, so they were in various stages of color and decay.

I wonder why, with eight years between the two kids and different teachers, they both colored identical apples. Why not a pear or a banana? Why fruit at all? Why not a cat or a dog or a fire truck? Does every kid in the whole world color an apple on their first day of school?

I guess it really doesn't matter, these pictures are keepers no matter what they are.

I also came across some old Christmas and birthday cards that I apparently thought were keepers too. I can think of no logical reason why some of these cards have been preserved as a permanent part of the family history, while I can remember

other cards of greater sentimental value or prettier cards that I carelessly discarded.

It's not like these cards are exceptionally beautiful and that I can't bear to part with them. I'd throw them out now, but I cling to the hope that I'll remember why I saved them in the first place.

I hope that history will not judge me too harshly for my negligence...

Then there are all those little pictures of my kids' schoolmates that they've collected over the years. When I periodically question the kids as to the identity of these little cherubs, they have no idea who they are. In fact, they wonder why I am saving them at all. I figure that some day they will thank me for preserving these little bits of their childhood.

Other parts of their childhood that are also preserved in my treasure chest are all those certificates of recognition and various achievement awards, as well as every report card they ever got, good or bad. The kids would really like to see me throw those out.

And of course their baby books, in which I recorded every gas-induced smile, new tooth, sit-ups, spit-ups and fall-downs that took place in their first year of life. Unfortunately, the baby books are five-year diaries which I failed to keep up-to-date after the kids reached their first birthdays. I hope that history will not judge me too harshly for my negligence, but once the little buggers started walking I was too busy chasing them to keep track of every cutesy thing they did.

Besides, why don't the fathers take on part of this responsibility?

Why is it always the mother's job? How many fathers have actually made entries in the children's baby books?

Inside the incomplete baby books is where I have placed those important documents like birth certificates, immunization records, special pictures, Social Security cards and anything that certifies anything in that child's life.

It boggles my mind, however, that I can get into this box and find an old car registration or a letter from a friend of 20 years ago with little effort, but a birth certificate or immunization record that I know is right there in the baby books are the items that seem to disappear.

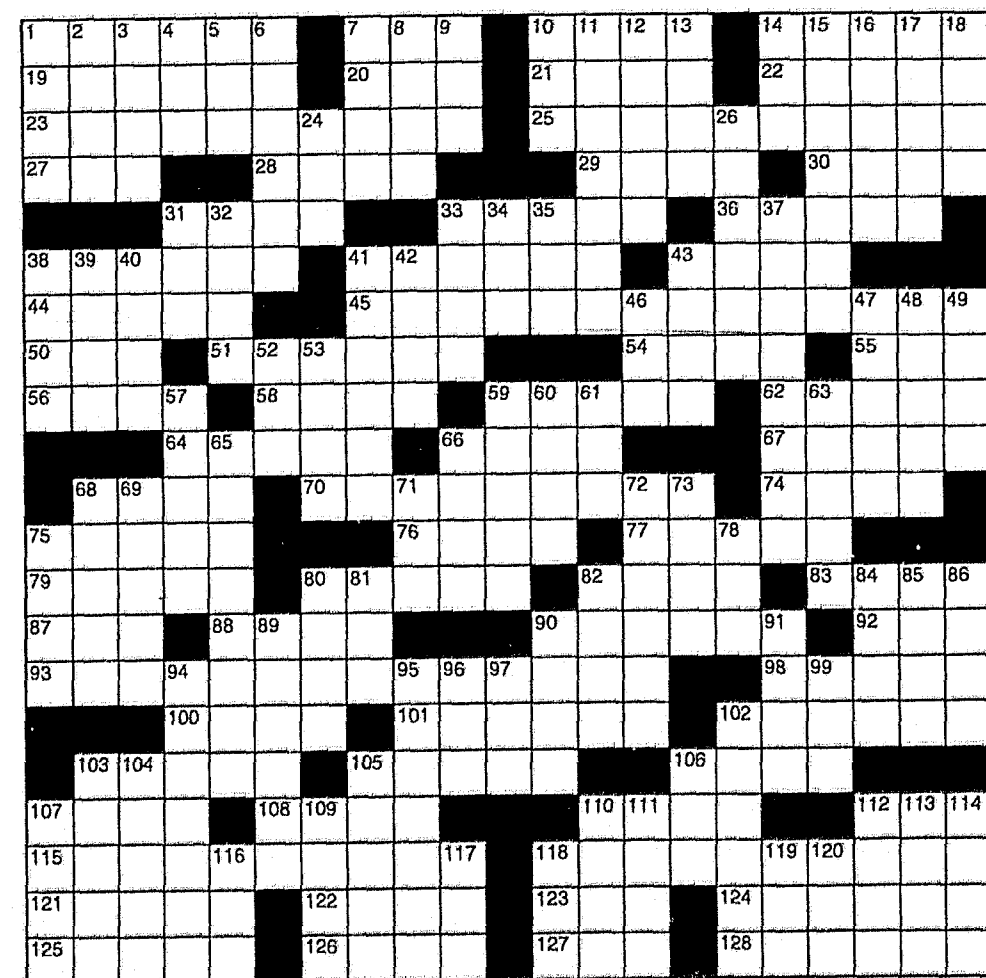
I don't know why things like that were ever taken out in the first place. It's not like you take them out and pass them around at family reunions. Out of all the pieces of paper in the box, the only ones of legal importance are lost. I just can't believe it.

I have no trouble finding warranties on appliances that I no longer own or newspaper clippings of political columns that no longer have any significance. There is an abundance of business cards for now-defunct enterprises, several clippings of hair wrapped in plastic, from whose head I don't know.

There are matchbooks and napkins from family weddings and ticket stubs from movies, plays and other performances long forgotten. There are some things that I can't even identify. But I will just continue to add items of interest and precious mementos to my treasure trove and never throw anything away. I have no doubt that when I have gone on to my great reward, my survivors will pour over these remnants of my life and wonder what on earth I could have been thinking.

And the way I see it, when I finally meet Saint Peter, I can only hope that a requirement for entry into the Pearly Gates is not my children's birth certificates or up-to-date baby books.

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Super Crossword

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, Feb. 17

At 9:04 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to Mason St. for a 911 hangup call. It was found a child had been playing with the phone.

Monday, Feb. 16

(Time not available) Lt. S.R. White arrested Kyle R. Gordon, 22, for theft by unauthorized taking or transfer and misuse of identification.

Sunday, Feb. 15

At 2 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward responded to Sudbury Village for a report of a found cell phone. The officer took custody of it.

At 5:30 p.m. Lt. S.R. White assisted a deputy in locating a subject on Church St. in connection with a crime on Skiway Rd. in Newry. The Bethel officer located the subject and the deputy summonsed him.

At 8:55 p.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to the East Bethel Rd. to assist Bethel Rescue.

Saturday, Feb. 14

At 9:12 a.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to a residence for a report of a subject in violation of paperwork. The subject was leaving as the officer arrived.

At 11 a.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to the Walkers Mills Rd. for a two vehicle, property damage accident.

At 9:23 p.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to the North Rd. for a report of damaged property. No crime had been committed.

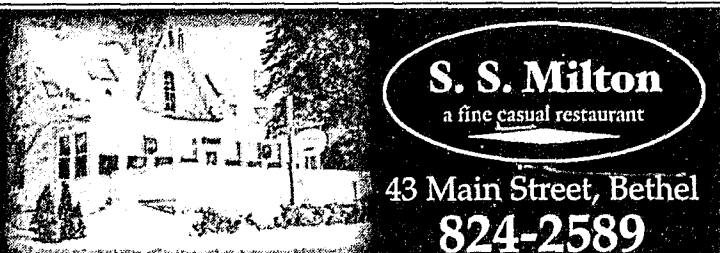
Thursday, Feb. 12

At 10:08 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to Main St. for a report of a wire in the road. It was found to be a phone line.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

Tips from the Bethel Police Department

1. If you dial 911 by mistake, don't hang up. Stay on the line and tell the dispatcher what happened.
2. So that responders can find you quickly in an emergency, make sure your house number is clearly visible from the road — on the house if it is near the road, or on a mailbox or post if the house sits more than 50 feet back.
3. Watch out for scam letters and phone calls. A letter may state you have won money and need to pay a fee to claim the prize and release the money. Sometimes people will receive a check they are directed to cash, and then repay a portion to the sender. Phone scams may also attempt to elicit information (such as a social security number or birth date) the caller can use to steal someone's identity. And if a caller says they are collecting money for a good cause, ask that written information be sent first.



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Bethel



by Virginia Keniston

A family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rob-

ertson on the weekend to celebrate granddaughter Erica LeMarre's birthday. Also present were Richard LeMarre, Merry Harkins of Brunswick, and Jean and Glenn.

Bob Keniston has been doing some woodturning lately. You might like to come by and see what he's doing.

The sophomores of Gould Academy are providing a full dinner on Monday, Feb. 23, for Bethel senior citizens at Ordway Dining Hall.

Becky Wagner of Cooper, Colin Wagner of Thomas College, Kailee and Brent Colbeth and new puppy, Duncan, of Machias, Bev and Mike Collins of Belmont, Mass., and area friends and relatives visited Bob and Polly Davis over Presidents' Day weekend.

"Wrap and Smile" make quilts for children undergoing cleft lip or cleft palate repairs in Third World countries,

sponsored by Rotary clubs throughout the United States. Our local group donates to this cause.

A delicious dinner was put on by the Congregational Church ladies for the Bethel Senior Citizens group last Wednesday. An auction was provided by Nancy Mercer for entertainment.

The Book Club at Books N Things meets every three or four weeks at Millbrook Tavern, Bethel Inn, on a Wednesday evening. The book being read at present is "Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell."

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

Thirteen was the magic number on Friday, the 13th, when a flock of thirteen turkeys appeared under our feeders. However, they were spooked by the blue jay bullies and haven't returned since. It was fun while it lasted.

It looks and feels more like spring than late winter, but that may change by the time

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you read this. There are predictions of a possible snow event Wednesday and Thursday, so you may be reading this in a whiteout. Or not.

There is plenty of ice around, which Reg Westleigh learned the hard way last Thursday. He slipped on ice and fell, fracturing his hip and winding up in Stephens Memorial Hospital. Reg had surgery on Friday and is now facing a long recovery program. We're sure he would be cheered by cards from friends and neighbors. Linda suggests sending them to their home address, 82 Flat Road, Bethel ME 04217, since his rehab schedule and location are up in the air at this time. She promises to deliver them!

On a more upbeat note, our granddaughter, Elisabeth Stancioff, and her friend, Kiril Samarov, took advantage of a long weekend break and drove up from Brown University last Friday to indulge in some skiing and snowboarding at Sunday River. Elisabeth's fam-

ily, Paul, Cindy, and sister Louisa, came over Saturday evening from Chesterville for dinner and to spend the night. Then the whole gang went skiing on Sunday.

It was a wonderful visit all around, and we bade reluctant farewells on Monday. Now it's back to normal routines once more, including piles of laundry. Worth every pound of it!

It was quite a week for skiing. The Telstar Middle School Nordic team competed in Class A Middle School state races. On Wednesday a freestyle race was held at Sunnycroft Farm in Bethel. Rachael and Rose Gaudreau were the only girls from Telstar and came in 17th and 17th, respectively. Coach Steve Keane would love to have more girls participate so that they can field a girls' team, not to mention the health advantages to be gained by skiers.

The boys' team came in second, placing anywhere from

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8th to 35th. The intrepid racers were Aiden Clarke, Caleb Clarke, Liam Gallagher, Andrew Siegel, Max Southam, and Kyler Walker. Coach Keane says they are a cohesive group and did an "awesome job."

On Saturday the group was at Titcomb Mountain in Farmington for the classic races. Rose finished 12th and sister Rachael, 17th. The boys' team once again won second place, with three in the top ten and ranging from 4th to 40th.

The Middle School downhill team was also competing, and their performance, combined with the Nordic team's, earned Telstar the Class A Middle School skiing championship. Well done, Telstar Middle School!

Another big skiing event was the Flying Moose Classic, held Sunday morning with racers starting in the field at Gould and traversing the Bethel Inn course from Pine Hill to the Inn. It was a beautiful, sunny day, and the course was in great shape. Competing in the 10K race, West Bethelite Eliot List came in 6th, streaking ahead of his mom, Chris Trefethen, neighbor Betsy Cooper, and friend Marian Hotopp.

The Bethel Outing Club sponsors this annual race and was well represented by its members. Some participants in the 20K race whom you may know included Kirk Siegel, Colin Reuter, Brad Clarke, Leslie Bancroft, Pete Southam, Jeff Newsom, Ken Hotopp, Julie Schubert-Cowan, and Saranne Taylor, all of whom did a respectable job. Alas, first-place honors went to someone from away, Ryan Kelly of Colby College.

It was a beautiful day, and some came just to tour. Livy Clarke and Sophie List both did the girls' 6K tour, as did Claire and Cassidy Webster of Newry. Local boys in the 6K tour were Aiden and Caleb Clarke and Andrew Siegel of Bethel. Lollipop racers included Ani Imman and Reiley Hedden, both of the Flat Road.

This Saturday is Heritage Day at the Bethel Historical Society. From 1 to 4, there will be craft demonstrations going on and homemade Indian pudding being served. Hope to see you there.

You can reach me at 836-3011 or dhoeh@megalink.net.

Upton



by Laurie Brown

Madison Grace Tucker was born in Ashland, Mass., on Jan. 11. She's the granddaughter of Bob

Tucker's oldest son, Joshua. Maybe she'll be making her first visit to Bob's and Frank's camp on Mill Hill this next summer.

The snowmobile trials still offer superb riding — come check them out!

The Cross Road, the "strip by the common," was tarred in 1949. That same year the welfare costs were higher than usual, even after the town deferred one case to Newry, since it was the legal residence of the family. State welfare cases were handled by local officials but were rather "unpleasant." This according to the Town Report. Even 60 years ago it seems the state mishandled welfare distributions. Some things were better when handled by the towns, the churches and individuals within these places. Too late to turn back now!

The murder mystery supper was a success! The players set five people up as possible suspects. Because of unforeseen circumstances, we had to keep modifying the script even after we started serving supper! When Jennie Bernier arrived, unbeknownst to her, we nabbed her, gave her a brief summary of her role, and we were good to go! The five suspects confronted Dennis Casco throughout the evening. His wife, Cindy, accused him of having an affair, Jamie was his girlfriend, I accused him of being just like his grandfather, trying to run and manipulate the whole town, Bob Brown accused him of building on his property without first obtaining a permit and Jennie, after flirting with him, accused him of mishandling funds within the snowmobile club! What a riot! Dennis, I think, has missed his calling — he should be an actor! Almost everything was adlib and the guests were intently watching and listening to all the accusations and replies. After Dennis was poisoned (Krystal Bernier pronounced him dead), we hauled him outside onto the porch. He changed his shirt, added a tie (which was short on purpose), and came back as his twin brother, a detective! Jennie Bernier was the first of three people to correctly guess the murder. Indeed, it was Jenn herself, but she didn't know it.

Several of the guests asked if we could sponsor another such dinner in March.

We're not going to that soon, but we will definitely host another one next year.

Even the players are still talking about how much fun it was. The building was beautifully decorated, there was one waiter or waitress for every four people and, in spite of the facts that our kitchen lights wouldn't work, the heaters weren't able to keep the building really warm, the

gas stove didn't work at all, and the electric stove was not working well, we managed to serve meals that all the guests enjoyed. Don't miss the Ladies Aid Association's next events! Got pictures for the Town Report?

"Nothing confuses a man more than a woman driver who does everything right." Whoever said that chose to remain anonymous.

In 1955 Upton's assessors, with Mr. Shephard as a state consultant, increased the valuation of property 100 percent. The town received the last 25 percent of the 1954 Hurricane Damage monies, and a manual switch, which was used to control the street lights was installed at Cedric Judkins' store. Workmen's compensation was a new matter, described as a type of insurance for all who worked for the town. It was estimated that this new insurance would cost the town \$75 a year. Selectmen recommended town folk vote to "come under the act."

When I write this column, I take the advice of William Randolph Hearst, who said, "Don't be afraid to make a mistake, your readers might like it."

Have a wonderful week. Selah.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman

Hopefully, those of you who are lucky enough to get a Feb-

ruary vacation are enjoying it. I certainly plan on using the time to get a few things done that have been hard to keep up with.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by the house last Saturday and commented that the last of his supply of the old-fashioned mustard pickles had been finished off. He was in luck. The next to the last jar had gone to Tim's last weekend, but there was one big jar left. We split it up and those will have to last us for a while.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, spent last weekend with us. Since both Tim and Michele had to work, Sid needed a babysitter for Saturday.

When she found out she was coming to Grammy and Grampa's house for the day, she announced to her mother that a sleeper would be even better. Since no one could disagree, she spent the night.

Town Office

The Selectmen met last Tuesday and Wednesday evening. The budget is completed and the warrant will be ready to be signed on their next meeting on Feb. 25. There will also be a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24

at 6 p.m. at the office to work on information for the town report.

Gilead Fire Department

The GFD responded to the structure fire off the Barker Road in West Bethel last week. They took Engine One and the Squad Truck. There were six members who responded.

Gilead Historical Society

The GHS is always trying to gather information on Gilead's past. Our quest at the present time is any information regarding the Gilead Cornet Band. We have access to one of the cornets and have just acquired a music pouch with music. There are several pictures available, but we are always looking for more. Let us know (by contacting a member) if there is an item that could be shared with the GHS.

Some other recent acquisitions are some photos that were sent by Robert and Valerie LaPointe. Robert grew up in Gilead and the pictures are of his family and some of the reservoir that provided water to the town.

Stephen McLain, son of Steve and Lise McLain, sent a postcard that was taken in Gilead in 1961 of Grand Trunk engines that met in Gilead. The freight train was on the siding while the special passenger train went through.

The GHS is also hoping to obtain more member profiles for an upcoming newsletter.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

Many thanks to Princess for enjoying this column and sending me greetings and a lovely Valentine card.

On Saturday, the 14th, there was a special wedding of John Scott and Kelly Dugay, who lived in Newry but recently moved to Albany. John and Kelly are snowmobilers. They enjoy the trails so much that they were married on the trail. Retta Powers performed the outdoor ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the WVSC warming hut. Family and friends came from Byron by sled.

On Saturday, Feb. 21, there will be a landowners supper at 5 p.m. at the Bear River Grange Hall. Preceding the supper and departing from the Grange Hall will be a 9:30 a.m. snowmobile ride. The WVSC will accompany riders on a daylong snowmobile trail ride. They will return to the Grange Hall where other members are preparing the landowners oys-

ter stew and spaghetti supper for 5 p.m. There is no charge for the landowners. The public is invited to attend at a fee of \$7 for adults with children under 12 at no charge.

Please attend this supper and support the WVSC. We need your support. Many thanks.

For news about the WVSC trails, please call Leon or Ed with any questions or with regard to the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club. Leon Dunn can be reached at 824-3335 and Ed Powers at 1-207-739-9618 for information.

The deer block I put out to feed them has still only been eaten by the blue jays. I have seen a few tracks and they seem to like the few apples put out for them. I don't know why they haven't eaten the block.

I've heard several robins, but have yet to see one. There are flocks of goldfinch and pine siskins and the adorable redpolls eating the seeds I put out for them. I'm not too pleased with the red squirrels that also like bird food.

The Bear River Trading Post has been designated as a weigh-in station for the 2009 Maine Chevrolet Statewide Ice Fishing Derby that will be held on March 7 and 8 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is an entry fee. Stop by the Post for information or to sign up. Warm up and have some soup or other snacks while there. Also for purchase are warm hats, gloves and fishing gear for the event.

Licenses and registrations for snowmobile and ATVs are also available at the BRTS as well as applications for membership in the local WVSC.

I saw the new puppy the day that Claire and Cassidy brought it home. I hope Willie will get along with it. He has been named Weston, and I was told that Willie is sort of like a dog-sitter for it.

With the wonderful high temperature last week at least a foot of snow either melted or was compacted. It still is slippery in places.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Alder River Grange will meet Feb. 27 with a 6 p.m. potluck supper and the

meeting at 7 p.m. The meeting will be at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street.

There is a change in the Supper Schedule, the turkey supper will be on Nov. 7 instead of Nov. 14.

Dot Bartlett and Nancy Mercer attended the Bethel Senior Citizens meeting at the West Parish Congregational Church on Feb. 11.

Not much human news. I have had between 30 and 40 turkeys here late fall into the winter until last week. They all left but one. Last week there were 10 deer here to see what there was to eat. There have been three or four each day, but no 10 at one time.

If you have any news, give me a ring at 824-3350. God Bless the Troops.

Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover Friends, a reminder that next Saturday, Feb. 28, is

the Family Fun Day at the Snow Valley Snow Goers' warming hut. It will be from 12 noon until 3.

Happy birthday this week to Jacob Rainey and Jacob McGurn, both on the 23rd, and Sarah Chase on the 24th. A happy belated birthday to Cassidy Smith on Feb. 13 and a happy birthday to Cheryl Ann Thurston on Feb. 22.

Students achieving honor roll for the second quarter at Telstar are the following: 6th grade, Katie Merrill; 7th grade, Kayla Cole; 8th grade, Jennalee Putnam; 9th grade high honors, Adam Mahar; 10th grade, Elek Pew; 12th grade, Whitney Mills, Audrienna Woods.

Kelley Clement, granddaughter of Mike and Sandra Clement of Andover, received the Student of the Term award recently at Mountain Valley High School. Students are selected for being well rounded, with an emphasis on high academic, civil and social standards. Her parents are Gary and Kim Clement.

Get well wishes to Al Parsons, who had surgery on her hip last week. She is now at Ledgeview for rehabilitation.

Karen Vachon, Brookfield, N.H., spent the weekend visiting with her parents Roger and Dottie Mills. On Saturday they went out for lunch at the Rooster's Roadhouse in Bethel.

Last Tuesday about thirteen senior citizens attended the luncheon and social at the First Congregational Church. Linda Couture, Chris Gammon and their helpers hope to make this a regular event.

The Valentine's Bandit has struck! On Saturday morning the businesses (and the Church) in town were adorned with large, red cut-out valentines! Some year we'll have to stay up all night to see who it is!

Have a nice weekend.

Mason



by Richard Grover

Mona and I don't normally watch a lot of TV or CD movies.

It just seems like most of the time there is always something else that we ought to be doing. But this past Christmas my kids gave us a one-year paid up subscription to Netflix. We finally got registered and sent for our first two movies last week. We

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got "The Kite Runner" and "House of D" with Robin Williams in the mail a couple days after ordering. Both are excellent films. The Netflix system is so easy to use, I think we are going to like it.

The way it works follows. You select at least six movies from the Netflix.com website and enter them into your "queue." Submit your order on the computer. Movies arrive in mail in about three business days in prepaid shipping envelopes. After watching the movies, ship the CDs back in the prepaid envelopes. Netflix will automatically ship the next two movies from your "queue" as soon as they receive the previous ones back. This continues for as long as your contract lasts (usually a year, I think). Simple, huh? Now, we'll probably watch lots of movies so we'll be sure to get our money's worth!

East Andover

by Joan Stinson-Carney
Alys Parsons is in St. Joseph's Memorial Hospital recovering

from a broken hip due to a fall. Cards and prayers would be nice.

Margaret and Edwin Simmons of Prince Edward Island visited with Norma and Freeman Farrington this weekend. They stopped off on their way home from a vacation in Cuba.

Russell and Judy Palmer of Lexington, Ky., visited with JoAnne Palmer for a few days last week.

The Senior Citizens' lunch at the CEB last Tuesday was a great success. The food was really good and so was the company. There will be another one held on March 17 at 12 noon. Better wear something green, because that's St. Paddy's Day. Saint Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland and in Ireland it is considered bad luck to wear green on that day, believe it or not.

Marjorie Stinson spent the weekend in Vermont to help celebrate her great-grandson Sam's fourth birthday.

Here are a couple of things to think about. I am nobody. Nobody is perfect. Therefore I am perfect.

In just two days from now, tomorrow will be yesterday. Huh?

And my favorite: Police Station toilet stolen. Cops have



HELPING OUT THE PANTRY—Local Girl Scout Troop 1255 recently held a food drive to help the local food pantry. The girls went door-to-door collecting non-perishable items. They also set up a box in the lobby of Crescent Park School. Pictured are, front: Emily Philbrick, Natasha Hart, Souix Ann Tuttle, and Emily Foss. Back: Elizabeth Brooks and Savannah Vermette.

nothing to go on.

I have made up my mind and I'm going to get a kitten; it has to be a boy. If you know of one that needs a good home please let me know.
See 'ya.

Hanover

by Clem Worcester
New curtains grace the front windows in the Hanover Town Office thanks

to the efforts of Peggy Sushbury. While working at the winter library she noted a few things that needed to be done so she did them. Besides the new curtains she has cleaned windows and vacuumed the floor. I guess we better keep her around!

Hanover Deputy Clerk Kelly Harrington is always at her post cheerfully greeting residents and helping them with their Town Office needs. In between her busy schedule last week she found time to deliver a car to Indianapolis, Ind., and then fly back to Portland. She did all that and never missed a beat.

Sympathy is extended to

Laurie Dempsey and her family following the death of Laurie's mother, Myrtle Chaloux, from Veazie, Maine. She was 86 years old. Graveside services are expected to be May 2 in Veazie.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gurney completed their new home on Top Hat Road and moved in.

The Hanover Town Office was closed last Monday along with state and federal organizations due to the Presidents' Day holiday.

Most have noticed that we sometimes refer to "one old fellow" during this weekly column. Some folks think they have it figured out as to whom he is. Occasionally someone asks just who he is. That is a very good question!

Greenwood City

by Wayne Hakala
The Oyster Stew Supper at the Locke Mills Legion Hall

has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m. due to the predicted snowstorm on the 18th and 19th.

I really messed up a big date

last week. I said Uncle Ivan's birthday party was the 19th. I was thinking ahead to the Legion Oyster Stew supper originally scheduled for Thursday, the 19th. Uncle Ivan's party is the 14th of March. Doesn't matter as all Post 68 and Unit 68 members can show up for both and enjoy!

We were informed that our Town Manager, Kim Sparks, made it through her surgery on Friday. It is going to be a while before she can use her vocal cords. I'm not sure who is going to suffer, Alan or Kim. But all wish her well and wish her a speedy recovery. Kim has been through enough and it is time to feel much better.

Friday night's Beano brought out an overflow crowd for an evening of fun and lively gambling. This was our best night in some time at the Legion. We appreciate the patronage of the entire players who attend. We do have a good time greeting and talking with all. Sometimes it's fun just stirring the pot just a bit. And best of all is giving Vera a hug when she is working in the kitchen. Also we had two Boy Scout troops staying for the weekend. I'm sure the boys enjoyed the skiing at Mt. Abram too. I've done some more prep-

aration for the sap season. Bought some buckets, lids, spiles, hydrometer and cup, plus a few other goodies from a old boy in Leeds. When I saw the condition and quantity of all, I just handed him the asking price. And now just have to get the right weather to tap. Also have to set up for the boiling part. It would be nice to have the fancy apparatus and all that, but an old cook stove can be a nice way to boil it down. And sit by with coffee and burn a red dog on a stick.

Doing maple syrup is a good time to clear the mind and do some serious thinking. I'm thinking that we of Greenwood have a lot of questions to ask, some serious reading and doing what is best for the town. As some people know there are three ordinances that will be discussed on the 23rd of this month at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. We all have to pay attention to what is happening with these ordinances. I am in agreement that we need some guidelines for our future growth. But we also have to respect the landowners and their wishes. We must also remember that we do not need to restrict the ability of a person to start a business and create employment opportunities for

growth here in Greenwood.

I would hope that all Greenwood voters really pay attention to what is being brought forward. We cannot afford to hinder development with an ill-conceived ordinance that does not answer many questions. We cannot do what a few would like. If those individuals want what is in the Land Use Ordinance, then let them buy the parcels and put them into a land trust. The problem here in Greenwood is that everyone wants the town to do it, but doesn't want to pay. The town can't afford to take care of what we have and this Ordinance will certainly cause more bills. We do not need to devalue the person's land. We cannot afford to follow Augusta and Washington's steps to complete Socialism.

Sunday morning, Post 68 Unit 68 joined the Locke Mills Union Church with the Four Chaplains Service. Pastor Sondra Withey welcomed us all very warmly. Those present for the reading were Richard Melville, Dan Grover, Albert Lake, Sondra Withey for the Auxiliary, and myself. Members present were Ivan Morey, Gil Whitman, Willie Hathaway and Kelly Bickford. Auxiliary members present were Vera Cross, Irene Redman, Liz Whitman, and Joyce Hathaway. If I've missed any please forgive. We were pleased with the service and invited to do the service at the Rumford Point Church next year.

Until next, please pay attention to the crop of frost heaves, refreezing ice and don't do anything to say "OOOOPPPSSSS."

Bryant Pond

by Alice Hoyt
Judith Grover Tent 17 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday, Feb. 9. Helvi Cary filled in as chaplain. The following were installed: president, Elsie Bonney; treasurer, Alice Hoyt; Council members, 2 Elizabeth Hoover, 3 Helvi Cary, patriotic instructor, Sally Sawyer; secretary and press correspondent, Alice Hoyt; guide, Vicky Myers; assistant guide, Helvi Cary; color bearer, 2 Elizabeth Hoover. Elsie Bonney read a newsletter from Abbott Tent 23. Very interesting. Calls re-

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ported were 15. Mystery package went to Elsie Bonney. Sally Sawyer read different facts in questions and answers about Presidents Lincoln and Washington and more. Next meeting will be on March 9. Valentines were written to give nursing homes. The updated constitution and by-laws were received.

Thursday, Feb. 19 (today) at 2 p.m. the Whitman Memorial Library program will be Cliff Gray, local owner of Andrews Funeral Home, speaking on information on pre-arrangements and what information you need to have at the death of a loved one. Everyone welcome; there is no charge.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Barbara Whitman.

Historical Society

The Historical Society Museum has some farm equipment upstairs. For instance, a plow and a machine that puts the tops on apple barrels are both part of the collection. They also have a whole table of tools up there. The stairwell has a large photo of Mann's Mill yard. There are some items on Indians. A modest collection of Maine minerals and some exhibits on wildlife which Curator Larry supplied in honor of his parents, Robert and Mary Billings. They ran a sporting goods store in Bethel when starting out and later included sporting goods in the general store they ran for years. They always hunted and fished. Bryant Pond has always had abundant wildlife, such as deer, foxes, moose, fish and ducks and even a wayward swan once.

Larry Billings got two art posters for his cultural center. He says he has many nice things to sell in his cultural center, so stop by sometime.

West Paris

by Joyce Lamb
The past week was a bit warmer in the early mornings allowing the Cotton Tops to walk our regular three days a week. At times the wind is bitter except on Wednesday which

was a little like spring.

My driveway is mostly black for a few days at least. There are a few small patches of ice on the walk I still have plenty of sand to scatter.

On Sunday, Feb. 22, the Rev. Richard Beal will speak on "Gospel Gems for God's Frozen People." Old-time hymns from our childhood will be sung. Let Rev. Beal know if you have a favorite so he can schedule it for Sunday.

Snowmobilers are active these cold nights, as they go over my field headed for North Paris or even Sumner. I hope they are dressed in layers for it seems that the colder it is the more are out riding.

Saturday came in with lots of bright sun. Beryl Bonney and I took our grocery lists and went to Auburn. I needed to go to the Hospice House to visit a friend too. With great difficulty we finally found it off Center Street on Stetson Road. What a lovely place for the sick. It is fairly new and all have private rooms with pull-out sofas for a family member to spend the night.

We then got a quick lunch of my favorite roast beef. Appleby's and Arby's parking lots were both full, but I managed to slip into a spot when a car left. The wind became cold and brisk so decided not to stop for ice cream on the way home. The heater in the car was working well so we had a warm and comfortable trip.

I spend time each day trying to get my files in order and get rid of all unnecessary papers. Muffin sits on the desk and watches until I turn the shredder on. She doesn't like the noise. She does have a new place to nap behind the sofa, next to the chimney, and is over the furnace. She liked to be under the lamp on the back of the sofa absorbing the heat from the regular light bulb, but I put in a new curly fluorescent bulb that does not put out much, if any, heat.

Waterford

by Rockie Graham
This has been quite the week. David managed to come down with that awful intestinal virus and was

sick for several days. I haven't caught it, yet. I just have had a touch of the respiratory one and have laid low to keep it at bay. I guess it is the time of year for that, what with the weather constantly changing from cold to warm. Wednesday, in Bethel, it reached about 50 degrees and was sunny. For the most part it has been fairly nice. It promises to snow when I have to go back to Boston.

This past week we celebrated the third birthday of granddaughter Shana. She was excited to see her cake and know that it was for her. She loved her presents, too. Her sister and her cousin helped her open them. I think it is hard for young ones to understand when it is someone else's birthday.

Thursday, the 19th, at the Waterford Community House on Plummer Hill Road, there is a public supper at 6 p.m. It is public so bring your best dish and with your friends enjoy an evening of fun.

Saturday, the 21st, there is another public supper by the Waterford Fair Association at the United Parish Church, 77 Main Street in Harrison. It's from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Adults are \$7 and children 12 and under are \$3. FMI 514-0333.

I have been informed that Waterford now accepts all plastic containers, except bags. They don't accept hard, brittle plastic, light bulbs, dishes. Fluorescent bulbs have to be recycled in a different place. They do accept kitty litter buckets and five-gallon trash bins.

That is all for this week. Have a great week and enjoy the snow mix.

Notes from

SAD44 Adult Ed

At a State House ceremony Governor Baldacci logged into the website www.maineadulted.org, officially launching the new site for Maine Adult Education. In his remarks Gov. Baldacci spoke of the importance of this new site and the role it can play in today's economy. "Adult education is a tremendous resource that contributes a great deal to Maine's economy," Gov. Baldacci said. "This new site will enable all adult education centers, big or small, the opportunity

to reach out to those who need the information most and continue to improve the lives of Mainers through continued education."

Maineadulted.org is a new website designed to make searching for adult education classes from Kittery to Fort Kent easy and convenient. Maine's local adult education programs, including SAD44 Continuing Education, have individual Web pages with course listings and news. Literacy Volunteer affiliates throughout the state, the Maine Department of Education's Adult Education team, and the Maine Adult Education Corrections Association are also represented on the Web portal.

Local Adult Education Director Jean Waite of SAD44 Continuing Education believes the portal could not have come at a better time. "Our program is seeing strong interest in courses due to the economy and the convenience of online course searching and registration is wonderful for our staff and for those enrolling. The system is easy to use, integrates with our database system for uploading courses, and presents our program as part of a statewide adult education system."

"This resource provides Maine's local adult education programs with a convenient and affordable way to have a powerful presence on the Web, while offering those seeking courses one-stop shopping for courses," said Kathi Medcalf, Sanford Community Adult Education director and project manager for the portal project.

Individuals looking for a course simply types in a town or zip code and how far they want to travel and in a flash they have a list of offerings. With another click, course details are presented, along with a Google map showing the location of the course. Once a course is selected, online registration is a click away, and options for payment include Paypal, or off-line methods.

Thanks to the generous support of community partners such as Bangor Savings Bank, The Betterment Fund and the Nellie Mae Education Foundation the website unofficially went online in January. Currently there are over 3,000

courses available from York to Madawaska and from Bethel to Bar Harbor. To date there have been over 500 online registrations and 11,000 visitors.

From

Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Feb. 11 at the West Parish Congregational Church for their meeting and luncheon with 39 members present. President Nancy Mercer conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag. Reports were given by Musa Brown and Arlene Lowell.

The next meeting will be March 11 at the Methodist Church on Main Street. Meeting will start at 11 a.m. The dinner is potluck. Members will bring either a hot dish or salad to share. Dessert will be furnished. The speaker will be Kim from Seniors Plus. She will answer questions that members might have about Medicare, income taxes, social security etc.

President Nancy Mercer passed out the schedule for the coming year subject to change.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Caroline Gould and the door prize by Nancy Driscoll.

Rosabelle Tift from the Western Mountains Senior College told of the program entitled "Healthy Eating on a Budget" that different restaurants are participating in during March and April — more details later.

Readings were done by Musa Brown and Ginny Walker, also a poem by Caroline Gould.

The auction was a success with the club raising \$60.65. Nancy Mercer was the auctioneer with Caroline Gould as her helper.

Birthdays for February are: Donald Brooks, Phyllis Cross, Barbara Mahler and Barbara Patterson.

From

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Warm Indian pudding served from hearth of the win-

ter kitchen of the Dr. Moses Mason House will be one of the activities scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Bethel Historical Society's 35th annual Heritage Day, beginning at 1 p.m. and continuing until 4 p.m.

Other activities scheduled for the day are an appraisal opportunity for up to two antiques or collectibles by Jay Boschetti of Steam Mill Antiques for a donation of \$5, traditional craft demonstrations and exhibits, historical films, and a genealogical round table led by genealogist Steve Seames. Tours of the Dr. Mason House will be available as well as the exhibits on the Androscoggin River, the Maine Grange, Bethel History, Maine Barns, Robinson House, and Maine minerals.

The Museum Shop will also be open for those wishing to pick up a copy of Eva Bean's "East Bethel Road" (second edition) at the special 50-percent discount, which honors the 50th anniversary of the appearance of first edition of this classic book. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate our New England and American heritage.

With over 1,450 members, the Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations.

For over 40 years, the society's activities have included lectures, exhibits, special events, heritage festivals, workshops, conferences, school and educational programs, and publications. In 1974, the society acquired the former Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which now contains a period house museum, exhibit hall and research library. In 1999, the society opened the O'Neil Robinson House (next door at 10 Broad Street) to the public for an expanded exhibit program, museum shop space, and administrative offices. Through the years, the society's achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

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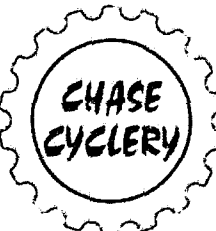
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The annual Flying Moose Classic cross-country ski race took place Sunday in Bethel. Here, skiers round the field at Gould Academy at the start of the race.
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Flying Moose Classic
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Bethel, Maine
February 15, 2009

20 KILOMETER RACE RESULTS: 70 racers, 9 from Bethel

Place	Time	Sex	Age	First Name	Last Name	Team/Club	Town	State
1	0:55:28.4	M	SR	Ryan	Kelly	Colby Nordic	Waterville	ME
2	0:57:21.6	M	M1	Eric	Tremble	NWVT	Jericho	VT
3	0:57:22.4	M	SR	Colman	Hatton	Bowdoin College	Cape Elizabeth	ME
22	1:03:05.0	F	JR	Adele	Espy	Maine Coast Nordic	Freeport	ME
25	1:03:43.0	M	M4	Kirk	Siegel	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME
27	1:04:39.0	M	SR	Colin	Reuter	Bethel Outing Club	Somerville	MA
31	1:06:23.0	M	M3	Brad	Clarke	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME
37	1:10:57.0	F	M4	Leslie	Bancroft Krichko	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME
39	1:12:27.0	F	M4	Amy	Gunn	Mt. Washington Nordic	Henniker	NH
49	1:21:16.0	M	M3	Peter	Southam	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME
53	1:23:43.0	M	M8	Jeff	Newsom	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME
57	1:25:11.0	M	M4	Ken	Hotopp	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME
63	1:35:33.0	F	M5	Julie	Schubert-Cowan	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME
65	1:46:59.0	F	M8	Saranne	Taylor	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME

10 KILOMETER RACE RESULTS: 13 racers, 10 from Bethel or Gould Academy

Place	Time	Sex	Age	First Name	Last Name	Team/Club	Town	State
1	0:37:26.0	F	SR	Sarah	Kamilewicz		Bethel	ME
2	0:39:27.9	M	J1	Jeff	Lewis	Gould Academy		
3	0:42:20.2	M	M2	Mark	Bancroft		Paris	ME
4	0:42:44.9	F	U23	Erin	Dubinski	CSU	Westford	MA
5	0:47:30.7	M	J4	Darren	Piotrow		Jackson	NH
6	0:48:10.7	M	J5	Eliot	List	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME
7	0:48:40.0	M	J1	Jacob	Kopell	Gould Academy		
8	0:53:44.6	M	J1	Reed	Molback	Gould Academy		
9	0:54:36.6	M	J1	Ben	Martin	Gould Academy		
10	0:54:59.3	M	M3	Christine	Trefethen	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME
11	0:55:58.0	F	M4	Betsey	Cooper		Bethel	ME
12	1:06:47.0	F	J1	Marian	Hotopp	Telstar HS	Bethel	ME

School Lunch
Week of Feb. 19

Telstar/Middle School Lunches

Monday: Chicken tenders, oven fries, mixed vegetables, focaccia bread, pizza choices, three hot sandwich choices.
Tuesday: Make your own sandwich bar with buffalo chicken and turkey salad, homemade turkey noodle soup, bacon cheeseburger, french fries, three hot sandwich choices.
Wednesday: Make your own pasta bar with meatballs, Boscò stick, pizza choices, three hot sandwich choices.
Thursday: Homemade macaroni and cheese, ham slice, green beans, homemade brownie, pizza choices, three hot sandwich choices.
Friday: Brunch for lunch. Pancakes, sausage patty, potato stars, strawberries and bananas, pizza choices, three hot sandwich choices.
Four fruit and vegetables choices daily. Veggie burgers available daily.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Chicken strips, oven fries, mixed vegetables, pb&j.
Tuesday: Tuna pocket, homemade turkey noodle soup, chicken patty/bun, pb&j.
Wednesday: Thai chicken w/noodles, egg roll, Asian vegetables, cheeseburger/bun, pb&j.
Thursday: Pizza choice, pepperoni or cheese, seasoned corn, homemade brownie, pb&j.
Friday: Brunch for lunch. Pancakes syrup, sausage links, potato stars, strawberries and bananas, fishburger bun, pb&fluff.
Fruit and veggie bar daily (2 servings of fruit and 2 servings of vegetables).



FUEL WINNERS—Clinton Wakefield, Cathy Autrey and Lorena Tyler were the January winners in a fuel assistance lottery for customers of the Concord Group Insurance. Each was awarded \$100 in fuel assistance as part of Concord's \$500,000 Fuel Assistance Program, which includes customers from Maine and Vermont. Presenting the checks is Ken French. "These checks represent a commitment from Concord Group and Northeast Bank Insurance Group to provide the support our customers need during this difficult economic period," French said. "By providing fuel assistance it is our hope that the primary heating appliance will be maintained and temporary heating appliances will not be necessary. We have witnessed many tragedies where space heaters and other temporary heating appliances contributed to loss of property and loss of life."

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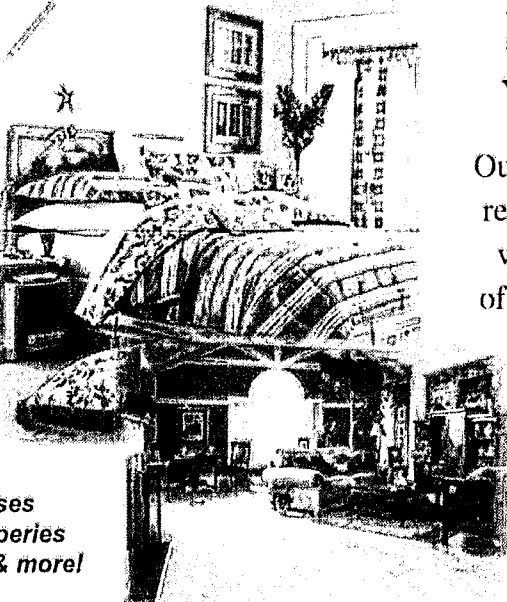
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WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Students at the Woodstock School have been participating in winter recreation programs throughout January and February. Once a week students in Grades 3-5 have been skiing at Sunday River as part of the RugRat's Learn-To-Ski program. Students have also been skiing after school at the Bethel Inn and the Sunday River Inn with cross-country skiing equipment as part of the Healthy Home-town's Ski program, sponsored by the Maine Winter Sports Center and the Mahosuc Kids Association. Above left, first-graders Kevin Briggs and Iziah Smith Wilson get psyched on the bus to go Nordic skiing at the Bethel Inn. Above right, fifth-graders Hunter Williamson, John Walker, and Cameron Rothwell enjoy a day at Sunday River.

TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—Emily Bellinger and Bethany O'Neil are the January Students of the Month at Telstar High School. The program recognizes the accomplishments of two students each month. The students, one from the freshman or sophomore class and one from the junior or senior class, are nominated and voted upon by school staff. Criteria for selection include school and community service, leadership and academics. Bellinger is pictured above left with Supt. Dave Murphy (left) and her parents, Nancy and Kevin Bellinger. O'Neil is shown above right. The program is a joint effort of Telstar and the Rotary Club of Bethel, which sponsors local community service projects, provides financial support for other area organizations, and supports worldwide humanitarian efforts.



WINTER CARNIVAL—The theme for last week's Winter Carnival at Telstar High School was "The Dark Knight". Here, the blue and white take on the Joker's makeup during class competition in the gym Friday. From left are seniors James Kimball, Bryce Walker, Alex Gundersen and Andrew Gundersen. The friendly competition included some of the seniors wearing "We're better than you" and on the back "and you know it" T-shirts on Friday. Weeklong events included hallway decorating, penny challenge, art and poetry contest, student films submitted for judging, floor hockey, wiffleball, college bowl, arm wrestling and a variety of other activities in the gym and classrooms on Friday.

CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Sabin's Kindergarten pupils recently wrote and illustrated two class books. One was a thank you to the River Runners Program at Sunday River and the other was to President Barack Obama with some ideas for helping make our country a better place.

ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Kindergarten, first- and second-grade students from Andover Elementary School spent a day recently learning to ski at Sunday River Skiway, through the generosity of Sunday River Snowboard and Ski Club, Sunday River Skiway, and Gould Academy. Above, AES students Nyla Dixon, Marc Chaisson, Dylan Duclos, and Madison Smith are ready to go up the mountain.

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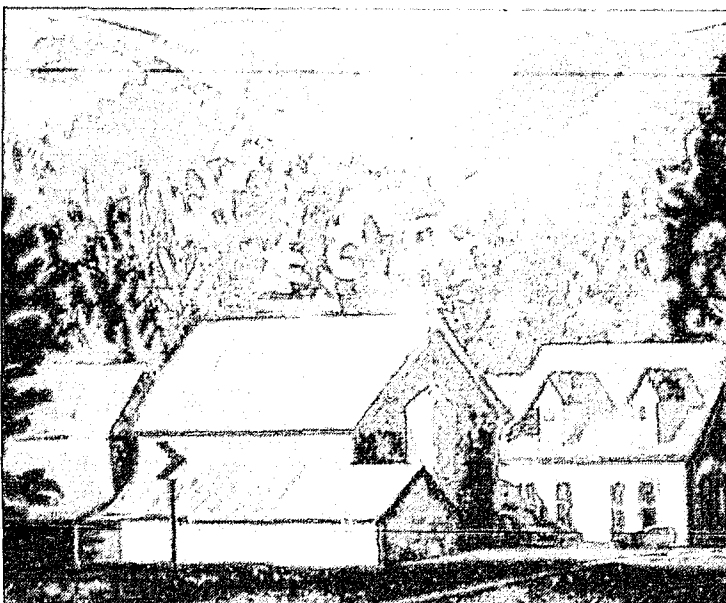
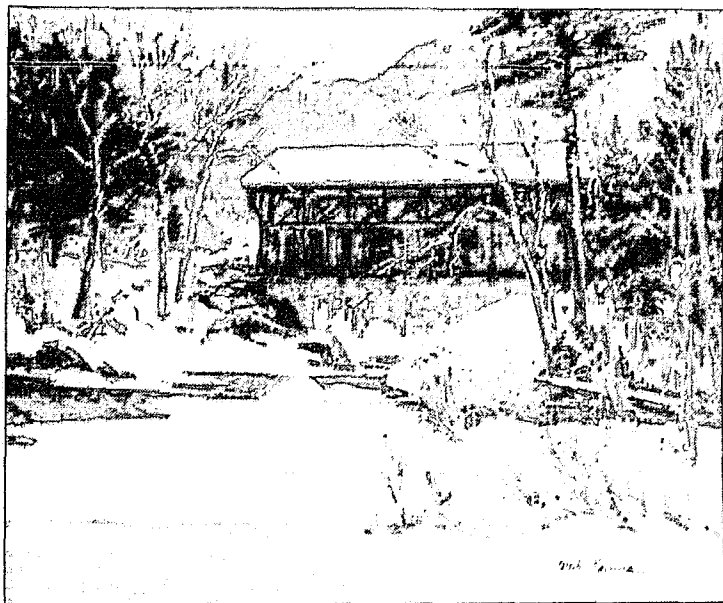
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MAHOOSUC PAINTINGS EXHIBITION UNDERWAY—Sunday River Real Estate office is currently hosting Landscapes for Landsake, The Mahoosuc Mountains of Maine, an exhibition and sale of contemporary and historical paintings for the benefit of the Mahoosuc Land Trust. The exhibition displays recent and historical paintings representing works by artists who have received regional, national and international recognition. For more information on the exhibition, please see the Community Calendar page. Paintings pictured here include, from left: "Covered Bridge, Newry" by Mike Graves; "Bend in the Road" by Louise Bourne; and "The Androscoggin River" by Barrett McDevitt.

Honor roll

TELSTAR MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

The following pupils have been named to the Telstar/Middle School Honor Roll for the second quarter of school year 2008-2009.

GRADE 12

High Honors: William Chapman, Brianna Douglass.
Honors: Jennifer Aldrich, Brian Annis, Lance Brown, Kalinda Cox, Jennifer Cross, Frank Del Duca, Kathryn Driscoll, Andrea Gunther, Kassandra Haines, Kartina Jackson, Katlyn Keane, Sarah Lavorgna, Amanda LeGault, Whitney Mills, Heather Parker, Lisa Piccirillo, Melinda Robertson, Alyssa Steven, Audrienna Woods.

GRADE 11

Honors: Edgar Barrero-Stadler, Megan Bonney, Mariah Bundy, Amber Davis, Felicia Dumont, Lindsay James, Samantha Largess, Ariana Pilgrim Guay, Kara

Zadakis.

GRADE 10

High Honors: Jamie Steven.
Honors: Emma Davis, Kimberlei Dean, Emily DeCarolis, Victoria Forkus, Gail Lavorgna, Morgan Lee, Corey Levesque, Shannon Long, Timothy O'Connor, Elck Pew, Michelle Roberts, Eric Roy, Ashley Sabins, Simon Smith, Katherine Stover, Katelyn Sumner, Melissa Waterhouse.

GRADE NINE

High Honors: Adam Mahar.
Honors: Emily Bollinger, Kallie Brown, Anthony Dirago, Britany Douglass, Naomi Ellsworth, Matthew Keane, Hunter Verrill, Jacob Wakefield, Destiny Westleigh, Karen White, Daniel Whitney.

GRADE EIGHT

Honors: Tabitha Corriveau, Colton Davis, Aiden Ford, Tobias Francis, Tyler James, Kailey Kennagh, Kurt

Mason, Nicholas Mason, Austin McAlister, Jennalee Putnam, Cheyenne Robinson, Avery Rossow, Mitchell Sabins, Regan Souve, Garry Williamson.

GRADE SEVEN

High Honors: Kathryn Coolidge, Samantha Corriveau, Jessica Dirago, Skye Dole, Samantha Mallory, Savanna Patenaude.

Honors: Hali Barter, Alyssa Brands, Molly Bruce, Kayla Cole, Bronson Dean, Kiersten Drapeau, Maisey Griffin, Cathryn Haberman-Fake, Josef Holt, Caili Inman, Allison Kelly, Eric Lowell, Alexander Manning, Eliza Miele, Gabrielle Monzo, Anneliese Smith, Justin Stearns, Jennifer Wakefield, Mackenzie White, Taran Wilson.

GRADE SIX

High Honors: Aiden Clarke, Skye Fournier, Rachael

Goldberg, Rose Goldberg, Nicholas Johnson, Alexandra Leff, Aaron Speakman, Gabrielle Stone, Anna Tyrina, Kyler Walker.

Honors: Matthew Barton, Christopher Chappie, Savannah Clough, Grace Connors, Alison Corey, Anne Cushman, Sadie Ellsworth, Liam Gallagher, Vanessa Godwin, Crystelle Head, Tyra Howes, Jessica Kelly, Jordan Kulig, Elizabeth Lyons, Katherine Merrill, Lakota Monzo, Savannah Pelletier, Andriadoria Pilgrim-Guay, Michael Rodway, Shaynah Cherokee Seames, Maxwell Southam, Rebecca-Lynn Tuttle, Ryan Vail, Gregory Wheeler, Travis Wheeler.

CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL

The following pupils have been named to the Crescent Park School Honor Roll for the second quarter of school year 2008-2009.

GRADE FIVE

Honors: Rachel Barton, Carla Boyle-Wight, Christian Brown, Shylyn Buckman, Caleb Clarke, Robert Crockett, Jillian DeLallo, Tucker Hayward, Rebecca Howard, Ani Inman, Mitchell Lehman, Jessika Myers, Ashley Savage, Maddie Simard, Amber Souve, Blair Stevens, Savannah Vermette.

GRADE FOUR

High Honors: Zoe Bean, Matthew Bennett, Dominique Berry, Mallory Corriveau, Paige Dutterer, Kristi Hanscom, India Orino, Ali Turnick.

Honors: Matthew Bragdon, Matthew Chiasson, George Connors, Joshua Eliot, Avry Griffin, Schuyler Leff, Luke Mason, Wynter Morin, Regan Kauf, Alice Pelletier, Jodi Putnam, Willis Steven, Zachary Stone, Gabriel Sylvester, Souix-Ann Tuttle.

Dean's list

AT SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

Winston Booth of Hanover was named to the dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga., for fall quarter 2008.

AT THOMAS COLLEGE

The following Thomas College (Waterville) student was named to the dean's list for the fall 2008 semester: Margaret Duplessis, daughter of Richard and Carol Duplessis of Mason Township.

AT UMF

Chelsea Cozzolino has been named to the dean's list at the University of Maine at Farmington.

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From

Western

Mountains Senior

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Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) will hold registrations for spring classes in conjunction with the second annual "soup swap" on Friday, Feb. 27, at the Bethel Congregational Church, Bethel. Class registrations will be start at 5 p.m., and the "soup swap" will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Besides registering and enjoying all kinds of soup, those attending can test their knowledge of "soup trivia" with quizzes and other puzzles.

An exciting array of spring classes is scheduled with three popular courses returning. The "Great Decisions Discussion Group" will be held at the Bethel Congregational Church for five Tuesdays starting March 24, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Interested in expanding your knowledge of global events? Join the group as they discuss Energy and the Global

Economy, Afghanistan and Pakistan, Global Food Supply, and US and Rising Powers. Fee: \$25

"Explorations in Spirituality" returns on Friday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at The Victoria Inn in Bethel. Classes meet on alternate Fridays through May 15. This ongoing course focuses on personal spirituality through reading and discussion. Fee: \$25.

"Creative Writing" returns Friday starting March 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Telstar. It alternates Fridays with Explorations in Spirituality with the final class May 8. Members enjoy both individual and group writing activities with opportunities for sharing work and consultation as desired. The course is a continuation of one begun last fall. New members are welcome to join. Suzanne Taylor facilitates. Fee: \$25. Returning members, \$10.

A new course, "Multiple Intelligences," facilitated by Marcia Foster-Austin, will be held at Telstar for five Wednesdays, beginning March 18, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Classroom activities

will be fun and help members understand learning in new ways. At least one session will focus on emotional intelligence. Fee: \$25.

Another new course, "Jane Austen's Novels," will be facilitated by Bonnie Pooley and held at the Holidae House, Main Street, Bethel for five Wednesdays starting April 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The course takes a look at 18th century small town life through the eyes of a gentle critic with a clear view of human foibles, virtues and vices. Fee: \$25.

Classes are open to members of WMSC but new members are welcome. For more information, contact the program committee chair, Peter Gartner, at 665-2181.

Second Annual Soup Swap: WMSC's program committee initiated the first "soup swap" last year. The event proved to be so much fun that the committee decided to make it an annual event. It will be held after the class registration from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. According to Jackie Cressy, WMSC co-chair and committee member, this is how a soup swap works:

Participants bring two quarts of hot soup for tasting at the event, and up to four quarts in quart containers already frozen.

After the tasting, which can take some time if there are lots of varieties, those who brought frozen soup may choose different frozen soups to take home, equal to the same number they brought. Jackie states: "So, you've only had to make one kind of soup, but you go home with four different kinds, all ready to pull out of the freezer when you don't feel like cooking or have had a particularly busy day."

Jackie adds "If you are a WMSC member who lives alone, or don't have the facilities for making a big batch of soup, you can still have the fun of participating. Several WMSC members are bringing extra hot soup so there will be plenty for all. You can make a monetary donation for your soup-tasting and dessert, and will be able to purchase frozen quarts to take home."

In order to assure that there is enough soup for all who attend, please call to register with one of the following committee members by Wednesday,

Feb. 25, if you plan to attend: Marcia Foster-Austin, 824-3400; Beth Brough, 875-2216; or Jean Waite, 824-2780. If you would like to participate in ways other than bringing soup, you may volunteer to bring a dessert, bread or crackers for the event.

Members who participate in the soup tasting, and who do not bring soup or other foods, are asked to bring a canned item for the local food pantry. All monetary donations will go toward purchasing the Family Food Boxes that contain enough food for a family of four for three or four days.

This winter social activity is a WMSC member-only event. However, persons who wish to join WMSC and attend may contact Jackie Cressy at 824-0508. New members would also be eligible to join the upcoming spring courses.

p.m. Feb. 19 to learn about the manufacture and burning of wood pellets.

Michele Varuolo of Maine Energy Systems will lead the presentation, which will include a tour of the plant facilities and ample opportunities for questions and answers.

"Maine Energy Systems' primary mission is to support a transition to the use of renewable energy for homes and businesses," the company says on its website. "By offering less-expensive, carbon-neutral sources of heat and energy, MESys will not only lower costs for users but will also sustain and create jobs in the region and will significantly reduce the region's carbon footprint."

MESys is located near the Bethel Airport one-half mile up the North Road off Routes 2 and 26 just north of the bridge crossing the Androscoggin River.

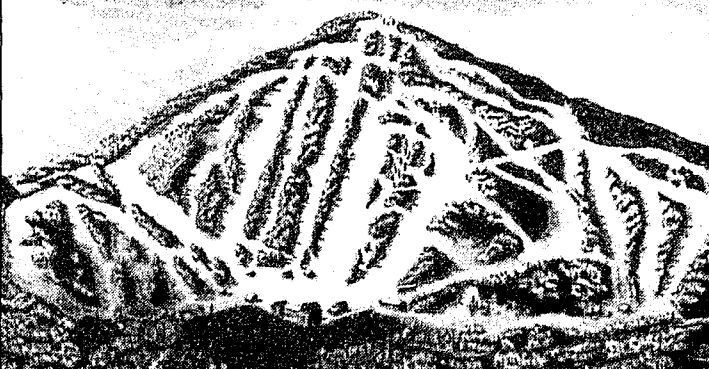
SWOAM directional signs will be posted. The meeting is free and open to all. For further information, contact chapter President Merle Ring at 674-3787.

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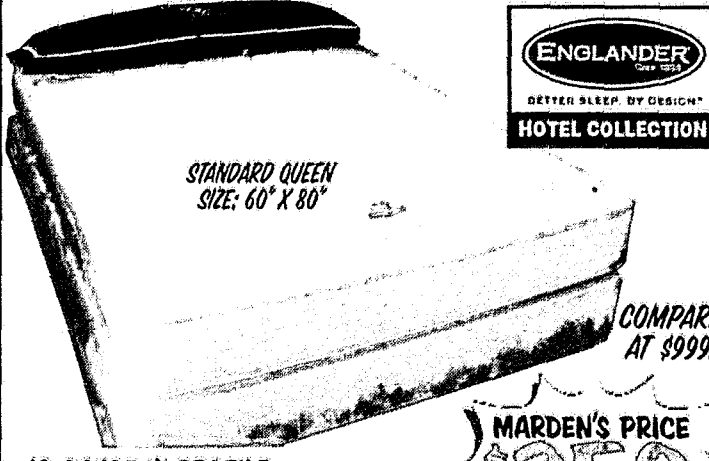
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Events Calendar

9 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. - **Pre-school Story Time** (ages 2 to 5 and parents or caregivers) at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Free. Thru February, except Feb. 16-20, and March. FMI: 743-5308.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: call Ginny Keniston (824-2661) or e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com.

Fridays 10:30 a.m. - **Infants/toddlers** to age 2 and parents share rhymes, finger plays, songs, etc. at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Free. Thru February, except Feb. 16-20, and March. FMI: 743-5308.

Thru Feb. 21

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **Landscapes for Landsake**, an art exhibit and sale to benefit the Mahosuc Land Trust, sponsored by Sunday River Real Estate at the Sunday River Real Estate Office, South Ridge Lodge. Preview of artists and their works.

To end of February

Fill in the Blank by pinning hand-made hearts (any size) on banner-like fabric collage called "Cover the Snowy Hills," at Fare Share Commons, Main Street, Norway. Hearts will be sewn on and finished piece displayed as part of the "Fulfillment" show that opens Friday, March 6. FMI: 743-9008.

Thursday, Feb. 19

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Safe Sitter® Class** at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Harper Conference Center. Fee: \$50 for two-day class. FMI or to register: call The Family Birthplace at 743-1562 x 380.

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, will feature Cliff Gray, owner of Andrews Funeral Home who will provide information on pre-arrangements with time for questions and answers. Open to public at no charge. Light refreshments served.

6 p.m. - **Community Potluck Supper** at Wilkins Community House, Waterford Flat on Plummer Hill Road. All welcome.

7 p.m. - **Western Maine Chapter of Small Woodland**

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM) will tour Maine Energy Systems office and plant (near Bethel Airport off Routes 2 and 26 on North Road) to learn about manufacture and burning of wood pellets. Plant tour. FMI: call Merle Ring, president, at 674-3787.

Thursday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 21

2 to 4 p.m. - **Teen Acting Workshop** with theater games and acting improvisation at Denmark Arts Center. FMI and registration: call Mary Baston-Rebmann at 935-7860.

Friday, Feb. 20

5 to 7 p.m. - **Community birthday party and bean supper** to benefit Martha Mason Whittemore at North Waterford Church. Cost: Donations for Whittemore family. FMI: Nat or Deb at 928-2536.

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Route 117, Buckfield, presents The Early Evening Show. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$6 for 12 and under. FMI: call box office at 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com/calendar.

Saturday, Feb. 21

9:30 a.m. - **Herb Kittredge Memorial Ride**, Bear River Grange Hall. Landowner appreciation and spaghetti and oyster stew dinner at 5 p.m. \$7, under 12 free. Sponsored by Windy Valley's Snowmobile Club.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Joy of Skiing**, progressive picnic on skis to benefit Maine Lung Association at Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center. Start with homemade donuts, moving on to muffins and sweet breads, continuing to covered bridge for hot soup, heading back for s'mores at fire pit and end up on deck for chips, salsa, cheese and crackers. Cost: \$7 or kids \$4, advance \$6 for adults. FMI: 824-2410 or visit www.sundayriverinn.com.

8:30 to 12 a.m. - **Workshop on how to use the Internet to create an online market** at Western Maine University and Community College, South Paris. Free. FMI and to pre-register (by Friday, Feb. 13): call University of Maine Cooperative Extension office at 743-6329 or (800) 287-1482.

1 to 4 p.m. - **Heritage Day** at Bethel Historical Society. Exhibit galleries, period rooms, Museum Shop, antique appraisals (\$5 up to two items), craft demonstrations, historical videos, Indian pudding at Mason House winter kitchen. Admission free to members, small fee for nonmembers. FMI: call 824-2908.

5 to 6:30 p.m. - **Public Supper** (turkey and fixings and homemade pies) by Waterford World's Fair Association at United Parish Church, 77 Main Street, Harrison. Adults \$7, children 12 and under, \$3. FMI: 514-0333.

5 p.m. - **Mt. Abram Ski Club Live Auction**. Mt. Abram and other ski memorabilia included.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Old Fashion Church Supper** at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Casseroles, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and pies. Adults \$7, children under 12 \$4.

6 p.m. - **Oyster Stew Supper** at Locke Mills Legion Hall (rescheduled from Feb. 19 due to predicted storm).

8:30 p.m. - **Fireworks Spectacular** at Sunday River Ski Resort. Best viewed slope-side at South Ridge or deckside at Foggy Goggle.

Sunday, Feb. 22

11 a.m. - **Cardboard Boxsle Race** at Mt. Abram Resort. Build your best and fastest cardboard sled and race against friends. Great prizes. Registration begins 10:30 a.m. No wood, plastic, metal, etc. FMI: call 875-5000 or visit www.skimtabram.com.

2 p.m. - **Sounds Clever and The Valley Horns** at St. Kieran Community Arts Center, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. FMI: call (603) 752-1028 or e-mail kieran@ncia.net.

Monday, Feb. 23

10 a.m. - **Maine Educational Opportunity Center** free workshop at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. To

register or FMI: (800) 281-3703 or visit meoc.maine.edu.

Noon - **Sophomore Dinner** for senior citizens at Ordway Hall, Gould Academy. This is part of the sophomores' Four Point.

6:30 p.m. - **Waterford Library Bridge Group** meeting. Meetings held fourth Monday of each month with beginning and experienced players welcome. FMI: call 583-2729.

7 p.m. - **The Yo-Yo People**, a Black Diamond Entertainment Series at Sunday River's Grand Summit Resort Hotel. Tickets: children \$4/\$6 and adults 13 and over \$6/\$8. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or by calling (800)-543-2SKI.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

7:30 p.m. - **One With Fire**, a Black Diamond Entertainment Series at South Ridge Base Lodge, Sunday River Ski Resort. Free admission. FMI: call (800) 543-2SKI.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

8 a.m. - **Ash Wednesday Service** at Bohr's, Chapman Street, Bethel, with imposition of ashes.

7 p.m. - **Rainforest Reptile Show** at Sunday River's Jordan Grand Hotel. Live animals: bugs, frogs, snakes, lizards, tortoises and alligator. Tickets: advance \$4 ages 6 to 12 and \$6 adults; at door \$6 and \$8. Under five free. Tickets available on mountain at South Ridge Welcome Center, Snow Cap Inn and Grand Hotel Resort front desks or by calling (800)-543-2SKI. FMI: visit sundayriver.com.

February 26 thru 28

Visa U.S. World Snowboarding Cup at Sunday River. FMI: visit media center at www.sundayriver.com.

Friday, Feb. 27

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **Soup Swap** at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. FMI: call Jackie Cressy at 824-0508 or check the Western Mountains Senior College column in the Feb. 19 Bethel Citizen.

6:30 p.m. (sign up) - **Norway Open Mic Night** at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Open mic starts at 7 p.m. \$3 donation at door. Refreshments available. FMI: call Heather at 935-4505 or e-mail vesselrecordings@yahoo.com.

Saturday, Feb. 28

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **One-day Preparing for Birth** class at Ripley Medical Building, Harper Conference Room (go right downstairs). Cost: \$50 if delivering at Stephens Memorial Hospital or \$60 if delivering elsewhere. Insurance covers cost of class. To register or FMI: call 743-1562 x 380 or visit www.wmhcc.org.

12 noon to 3 p.m. - **First annual Family Fun Day** sponsored by Snow Valley Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club and area businesses at the Sno-Goers' clubhouse on South Main Street, Andover (storm date, Sunday, March 1 same time). Sliding, bonfire with s'mores, hot cocoa, burgers, hot dogs and more. Lunch free to all who bring food item for local food pantry. Bring your own sled.

5:30 - **Lincoln Day Dinner**, sponsored by Bethel Area Republicans, at The Bethel Inn Conference Center. Buffet (sirloin or baked stuffed chicken) dinner follows social hour at 6:30 p.m. Raffles and auction. Tickets: \$30 each; make checks payable to Oxford County Republican Committee and send to Lynn Hamper, Treasurer, Oxford County Republican Committee, 1023 King Street, Oxford, ME 04270. FMI: call Becky Kendall at 824-2196 or e-mail beckyk@megalink.net.

Monday, March 2

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Café** meets at Waterford Library. Meetings held first Monday of each month. Group offers forum to discuss current topics and ideas and divergent views welcome. March meeting theme: "What Is Appropriate Technology?" Moderator is Connie Allen.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street; and Saturdays at 4pm at Sunday River South Ridge Base Lodge, third-floor human resources conference room.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-6pm; Wednesday 3-6pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5:30-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.blue-moonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6 & 8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30 Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3.

Upton Library: Wednesday, 2-6, Children's Hour 1-2; Saturday 2-4.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 10 a.m. Pastor: Rev. William B. Smith. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Thursdays at the home of Fern and Corinne.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. June R. Smith. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. Pastor: Rev. June R. Smith. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Thursdays at the home of Fern and Corinne.

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Church of the Nazarene - Pastor: Frank Mason. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info: 824-2520 or visit www.bethelchurch.org

West Parish Congregational - Rev. John Bellmore. 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Prayer Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI: 824-2520

Our Lady of the Snows - Catholic Mass at 9 p.m. Rev. Angelo Levesque. 9:30 a.m. United Methodist - Godfrey Gross. Pastor: 10 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information call: 806-5733 or 824-2520. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor: Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible Study, Tuesday, 2-4 p.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 9 p.m. Awaken clubs follow school year calendar. FMI: 824-2520 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion serves the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 30 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gayle Bohrer at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. Church Street in Bethel. For more info call 824-2520.

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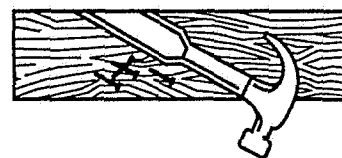


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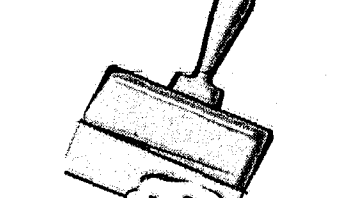
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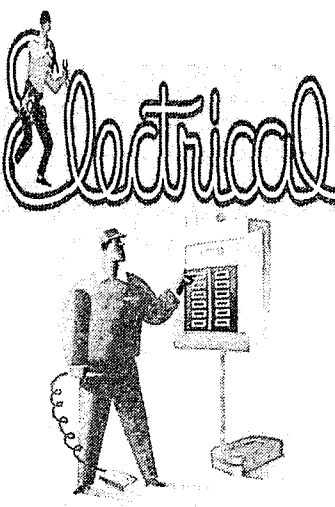


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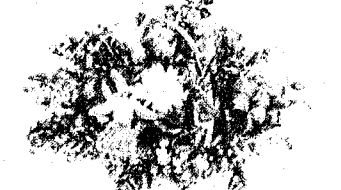
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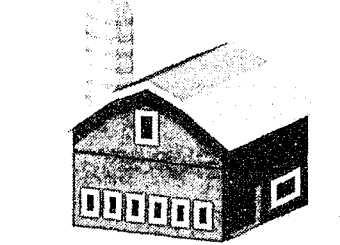
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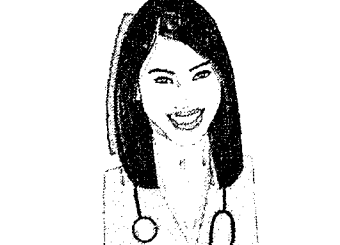
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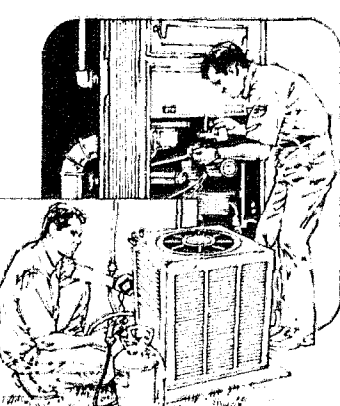
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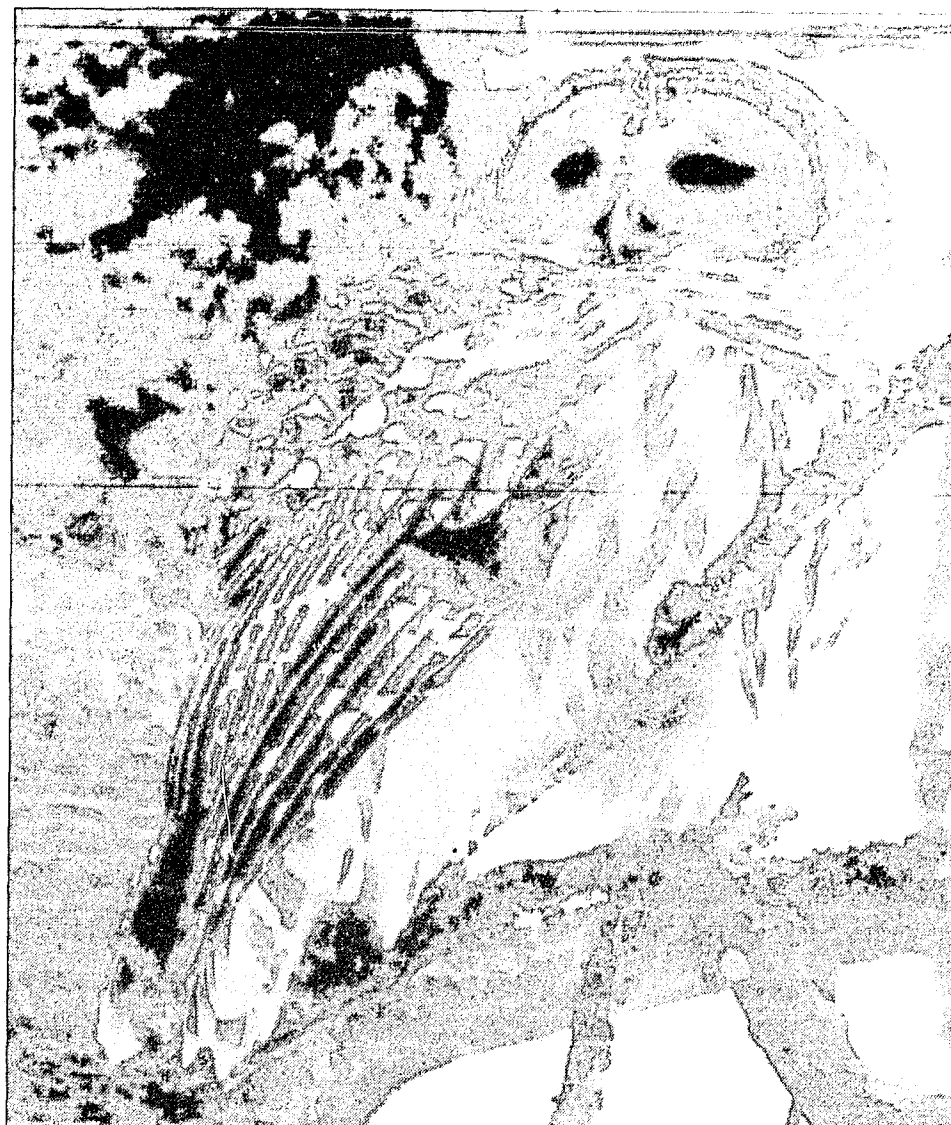
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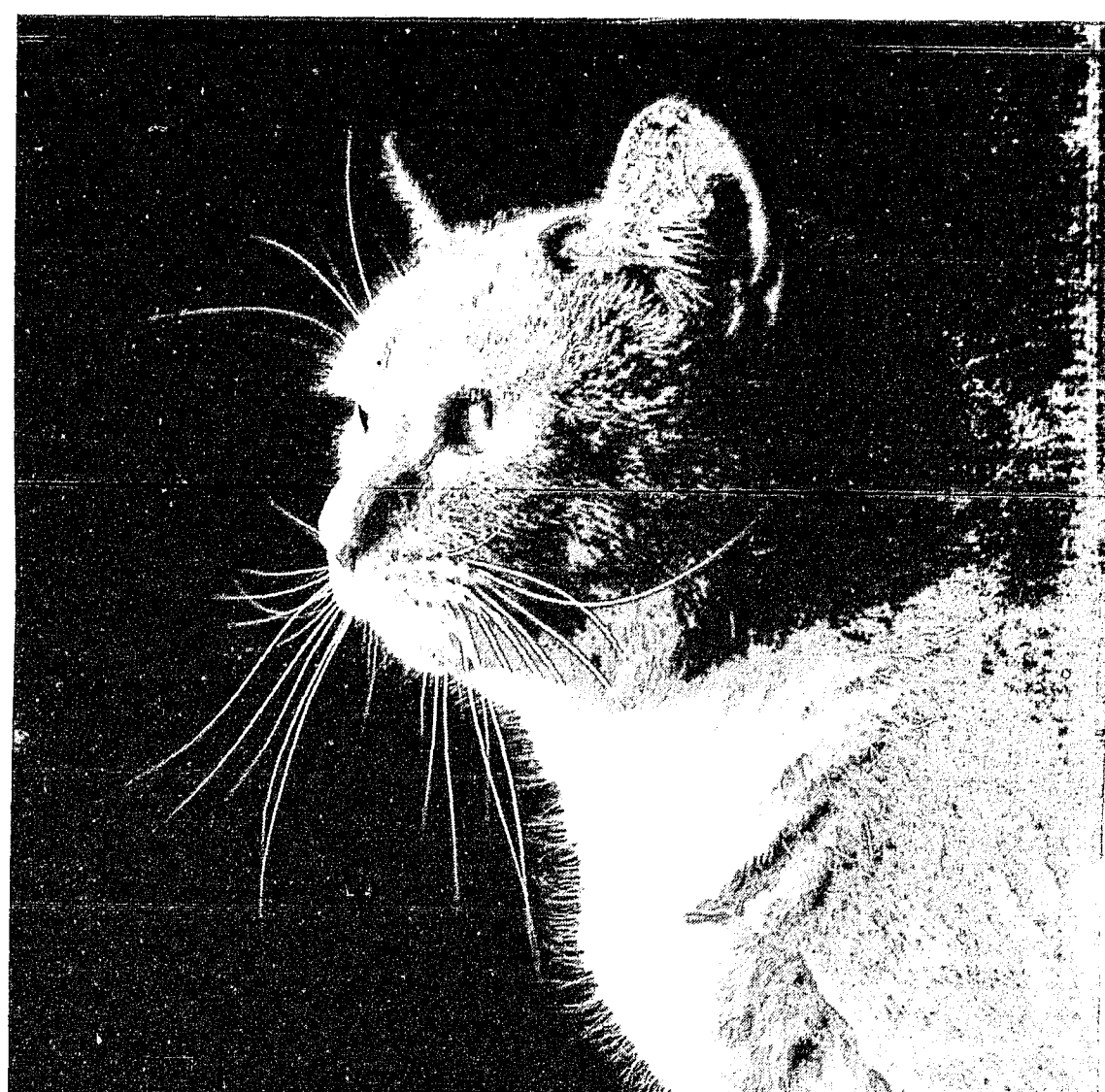
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THE OWL
(Left) Sue Cross of Bethel took this photo of a barred owl through her window on the Taylor Smith Road recently. The bird was flying around in the middle of the day, and showing interest in the chickadees at Cross' birdfeeder.

AND THE PUSSYCAT
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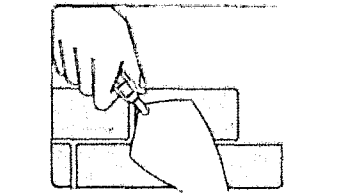
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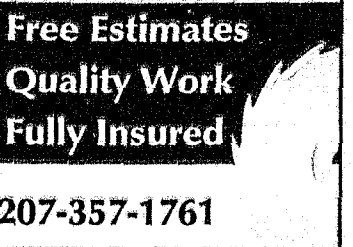
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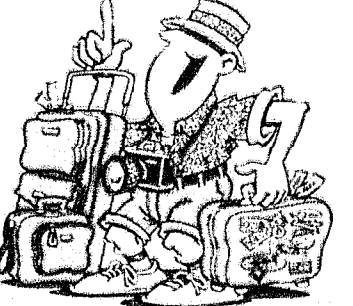
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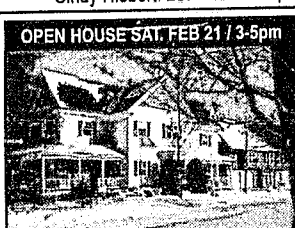
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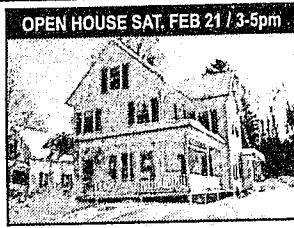
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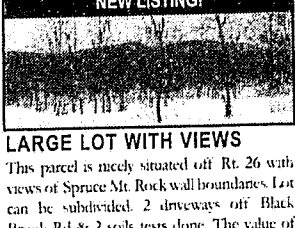
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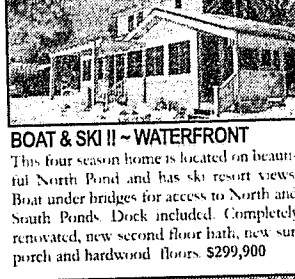
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QUALITY NEW CHALET
Soon to be finished 3 plus bedroom chalet with spectacular views of Sunday River Ski Resort. Home comes with two fireplaces, hardwood floors, tile and granite throughout. Finished lower level gives room for expansion. Garage option available! \$529,000



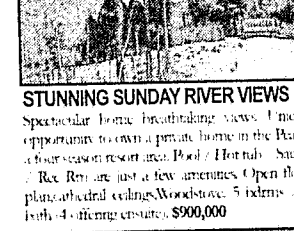
BOAT & SKI II - WATERFRONT
This four season home is located on beautiful North Pond and has ski resort views. Boat under bridges for access to North and South Ponds. Dock included. Completely renovated, new second floor, new sun porch and hardwood floors. \$299,900



PREMIER SUNDAY RIVER LOCATION
Currently under construction, this premier home is located at The Colony, an exclusive residential subdivision. Beautiful views of Sunday River Ski Resort. Two bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Dual fuel heating system, hot tub, sprinklers. \$949,000



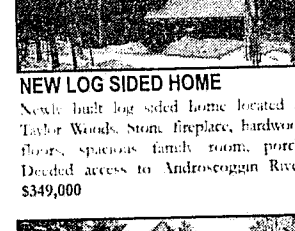
AMAZING MOUNTAIN RETREAT
6800 square feet of living space complete with 6 bedrooms, 6 baths, two fireplaces, ground level garage, 3 hot tubs, and media room. Just minutes from Sunday River Ski. W. Amenities too many to list. A home you won't forget! \$1,350,000



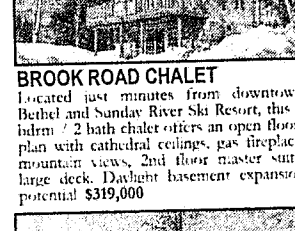
STUNNING SUNDAY RIVER VIEWS
Spectacular home featuring views of Sunday River Ski Resort. This home is located on a large lot with a great view of the river. The home has a great view of the river and is a great investment. \$499,000



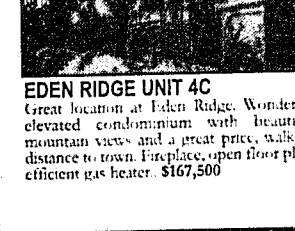
NEW CUSTOM CAPE
Views of Sunday River Ski Resort. This home is located on a large lot with a great view of the river. The home has a great view of the river and is a great investment. \$499,000



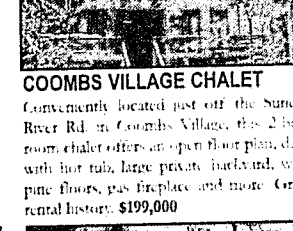
NEW LOG SIDED HOME
Newly built log sided home located at Taylor Woods. Stone fireplace, hardwood floors, spacious family room, porch. Deeded access to Undersegment River. \$349,000



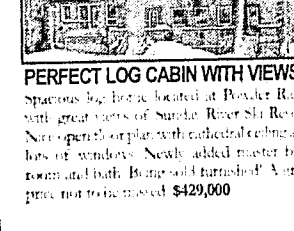
BROOK ROAD CHALET
Located just minutes from downtown Bethel and Sunday River Ski Resort, this 3 bedroom / 2 bath chalet offers an open floor plan with cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace, mountain views, 2nd floor master suite, large deck. Daylight basement expansion potential! \$319,000



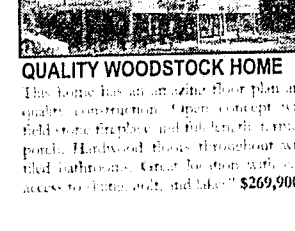
EDEN RIDGE UNIT 4C
Great location at Eden Ridge. Wonderful elevated condominium with beautiful mountain views and a great price. Walking distance to town. Fireplace, open floor plan, efficient gas heater. \$167,500



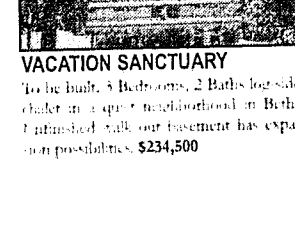
COOMBS VILLAGE CHALET
Conveniently located just off the Sunday River Rd. in Coombs Village, this 2 bed room chalet offers an open floor plan, deck with hot tub, large porch, hardwood, oak pine floors, gas fireplace and more. Great rental history! \$199,000



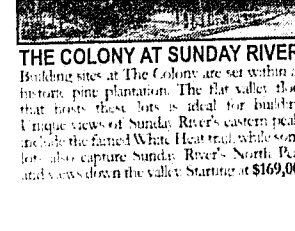
PERFECT LOG CABIN WITH VIEWS
Spacious log cabin located at Brook Road. This home is located on a large lot with a great view of the river. The home has a great view of the river and is a great investment. \$499,000



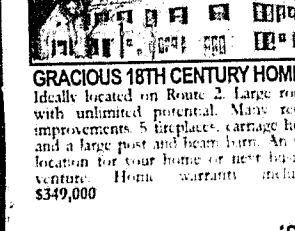
QUALITY WOODSTOCK HOME
This home is located on a large lot with a great view of the river. The home has a great view of the river and is a great investment. \$499,000



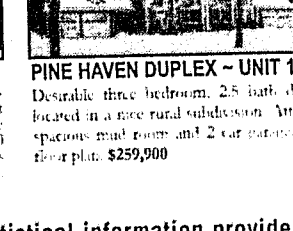
VACATION SANCTUARY
Two log built, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths log sided chalet in a quiet neighborhood in Bethel. Finished with open basement has expansion possibilities. \$234,500



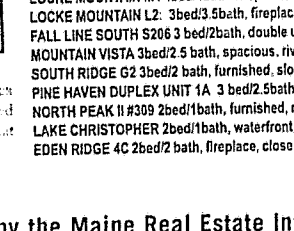
THE COLONY AT SUNDAY RIVER
Building site at The Colony are available in Bethel and Sunday River Ski Resort, this 3 bedroom / 2 bath chalet offers an open floor plan with cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace, mountain views, 2nd floor master suite, large deck. Daylight basement expansion potential! \$319,000



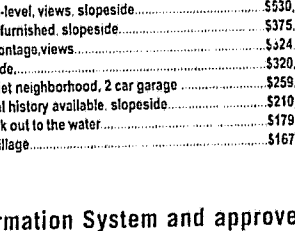
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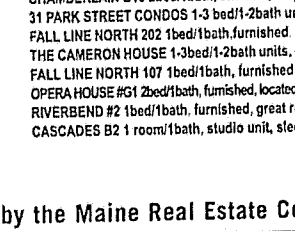
PINE HAVEN DUPLEX - UNIT 1A
Desirable three bedroom, 2.5 bath duplex located in a nice rural subdivision. Attached spacious main room and 2 car garage. Great floor plan. \$259,900



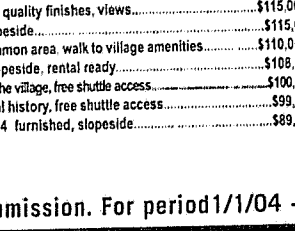
LOCKE MOUNTAIN 04 4bed/4bath replace furnished, views, slope side. \$620,000
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CAPT. J. BAYLESS

Captain Jonathan Bayless, 28, Minot, N.D., died Jan. 30, 2009 in Minot, N.D.

Jonathan was born on Dec. 24, 1980 in Trenton, N.J., the son of Rita Stonehouse and Fredrick Bayless. He graduated from Hopewell Valley High School, Pennington, N.J. in 1999 and the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 2003.

He was currently Chief of ICBM Training Scenarios at Minot Air Force Base. His past jobs were ICBM Combat Crew Deputy Commander, ICBM Combat Crew Commander, ICBM Combat Crew Evaluations Commander, ICBM Combat Crew Assistant Flight Commander, and ICBM Combat Crew Instructor Commander.

Jonathan was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (1 oak leaf cluster), Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Air Force Longevity Service (1 oak leaf cluster), and the Air Force Training Ribbon.

Jonathan loved to scuba dive, ski, he had an interest in clocks, watches, guitars, music and singing.

Surviving family: mother, Rita Stonehouse, Venice, Fla.; Eleanor Bayless, paternal grandmother, Greenville, Maine; Patti and Jack Robson, Trenton, N.J.; Linda and Robert Vecere, Pennington, N.J.; Bob and Lynn Bayless, Marlborough, Mass.; David and Leigh Stonehouse, Mt. Bethel, Pa.; Joanne Stonehouse, Woodstock, N.Y.; Loretta and Stephen Alexis, Lyndhurst, N.J.; Marc Stonehouse, Albany, N.Y.

Memorials are preferred to the Association of Graduates, United States Air Force Academy, 3116 Academy Drive, USAF Academy, CO 80840-4475.

LILLIAN M. H. MOORE

Lillian Mabel Harrington Moore, 95, died in the early morning hours of Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, with her family by her side.

She was born in East Bethel, on Feb. 27, 1913, to Samuel Dana and Evelyn Jane (Bartlett) Harrington. She was educated in Bethel Schools.

She married Harold Wayne Moore on Nov. 20, 1930, at the Congregational Parsonage in Gorham, N.H.

She enjoyed picking apples, cooking and canning produce from their garden, digging clams and spending time at their camp on Flying Point in Freeport.

She thoroughly enjoyed her work and many friends at the Norway Shoe Shop, where she worked for many years. In recent years, she especially looked forward to the family's weekly Sunday dinners.

She is survived by a daughter, June Moore Andrews of South Paris; two granddaughters, Linda Lee Andrews and Virginia May Andrews, both of Buckfield; and three great-granddaughters, Meghan Elizabeth Andrews-Wright of Buckfield, Shannon Keziah Andrews of Auburn and Ariana Hall Andrews Wilson of Buckfield. She was predeceased by her husband, Harold Wayne Moore, on Oct. 27, 1996; and her siblings, Iva Harrington, Pauline Smith, Freda Edmunds, Nellie Olson and Chester

Harrington.

At her request, there are no calling hours or funeral services. Interment will be in Gracelawn Memorial Park, Auburn.

Those who desire, in lieu of flowers, please contribute to Stephens Memorial Hospital, 80 Main Street, Norway, ME 04268 in her memory.

E-mail condolences and memories may be shared at meaderfh@gwi.net.



FRANCES B. CUSHING

Frances B. Cushing, 76, formerly of Route 232, Bethel, Maine, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009 at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Lewiston, Maine.

She was born in Rumford, Maine on Dec. 1, 1932, a daughter of Willard and Lillian (Smith) Bailey, and graduated from Stephens High School, Rumford, Class of 1951.

Frances had worked for the Rumford Steam Laundry and later for the Norway Steam Laundry.

She also had worked at the Penley Corporation Wood Products in West Paris and later as a secretary for the U.S. Forest Service until retirement in 2001.

She was married to the late William F. Cushing, Sr. who died Dec. 28, 2001.

Survivors include her daughter, Brenda Curtis and husband Retired Lt. Major Chester Curtis of Manassas, Va.; a son, William E. Cushing and wife Debbie of Bethel, Maine; grandsons, Adam and Andrew Curtis of Virginia.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009 at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford, Maine, with the Rev. Edward Gammon officiating. Interment will be at the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Augusta, Maine. Calling hours after 12 noon Thursday prior to the funeral service. E-mail condolences and memories may be shared at meaderfh@gwi.net.

ARLENE G. BROWN

Arlene Greenleaf Brown passed away Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, where she had been a patient for a week.

She was born in Bethel, Maine on Nov. 26, 1921, the eldest child and only daughter of Sherman S. and Mabel Stevens Greenleaf.

Arlene attended Bethel schools and graduated from Gould Academy in 1939. She continued her education at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and subsequently taught piano in Bethel for more than 35 years. On Dec. 28, 1944 she was married to Donald S. Brown of Bethel, and in 1954 they moved into the home they built together on Chapman Street, where she resided until recently.

For several years, she and her husband operated Don Brown Studio in Bethel, where she did oil coloring of photographs. She also operated a book shop for a time.

Arlene was a life member of the Bethel Historical Society and the Middle Intervale Meeting House Society, and was very active in both organizations. For many years she was the Sunday School music director at the Bethel Methodist Church.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Kurt G. and Tammy J. Brown of Westbrook; a daughter and son-in-law, Danna B. and George A. Nickerson of Bethel; one granddaughter, Kate Nickerson Wight and her husband Nate; and a great-granddaughter, Addison Ruth Wight of Bolsters Mills; two brothers and their wives, Robert and Anne Greenleaf of North Scituate, R.I., and John and Arlene Greenleaf of Bethel; a sister-in-law, Ann Greenleaf of Bethel; several brothers- and sisters-in-law and cousins; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband; and her brother, S. Eldon Greenleaf.

Visiting hours will be from 10 to 12 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Greenleaf Funeral Home, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

The family suggests donations to your favorite charity in Arlene's memory.

In our back yard:

Save money with a programmable thermostat

Want to save money this winter? Invest in a programmable thermostat.

Most people have a round thermostat on the wall that controls the home furnace or boiler. You raise or lower the temperature by turning a round dial on the face of the thermostat, probably turning it down at night and up in the morning. You may also turn it down when you are the last person to leave the house because it doesn't make sense to keep the house a comfortable 68 to 72 degrees Fahrenheit when no one is around to enjoy it.

An alternative to consider is the programmable thermostat, also called "setback" thermostat. It "remembers" to turn down the heat so you don't have to. Most programmable thermostats let you change the temperature four times a day without lifting a finger. They can heat the house up when, or just before, you get up in the morning; later in the day they can turn the heat down when no one is at home. When the family comes back into the house in the afternoon/evening, they can raise the heat, then turn the temperature back down to keep the house cooler at night while everyone sleeps.

All of this serves to save energy and fuel costs with an investment of about \$40. And what about your old thermostat? Don't just throw it away; it probably has mercury in it. Mercury is an environment and health threat. Visit the website www.MaineDEP.com and enter the keyword "mercury" to find out why.

Making sure the old thermostat is recycled is key so that the mercury in its switch can be recovered and kept out of our air, lakes, streams and soil. Not only is it against the law to throw a mercury thermostat away, there is a \$5 reward for returning it to a participating hardware store for recycling. At www.MaineDEP.com, through the keywords "thermostat recycling," there's a list of retail stores that provide a \$5 in-store credit for each mercury thermostat. If there is not a participating retail store nearby, DEP's website also lists plumbing and heating wholesalers that participate in the thermostat recycling program. Instead of an in-store credit, wholesalers provide \$5 mail-in coupons. Other recycling opportunities include town household hazardous waste collection days and licensed oil technicians that install programmable thermostats, although no coupons or credits are offered.

All in all, a programmable thermostat is a good deal for the pocketbook as well as the environment.

This column was submitted by Peter Moulton, an Environmental Engineer with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management. In Our Back Yard is a weekly column of the DEP. E-mail your environmental questions to infoDEP@maine.gov or send them to In Our Back Yard, Maine DEP, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.

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The Woodstock Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 @ 6:00 PM to take comments and provide information on the possibility of changing ambulance service providers for the Town of Woodstock. This will then be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting on March 30, 2009

The hearing will be held at the Woodstock Town Office Conference Room.

Woodstock Board of Selectmen

Notice of Public Hearing

The Woodstock Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM to take comments and provide information on a proposal for a subdivision from Lloyd Poland. Rustic Outlook II is proposed as an addition to Rustic Outlook.

A copy of the application is on file at the Woodstock Town Office for public inspection. The hearing will be held at the Woodstock Town Office Conference Room.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Monday, February 23, 2009

Greenwood Town Office
9 Bird Hill Road

7:00 pm

Topic:

Review proposed Ordinances that will be on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, March 28, 2009

Floodplain Management Ordinance

Land Management Standards Ordinance

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